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DEDICATION

This year's annual report is dedicated to our Public Works Director **EUGENE FIELD**. Commonly known to residents and co-workers by his nickname, Gene, this long-term public servant has ably served the Town of Vassalboro since October of 1980, when he started the job full time shortly after high school. As a CETA (Comprehensive Employment and Training Act) worker, he began as a member of a cemetery mowing team, and performed other odd jobs such as hauling gravel and picking rocks.



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After a few years, his foreman supervisor Irving Getchell, encouraged him to get his Class B Commercial Driver's License (CDL), and the town sponsored his training. After successfully obtaining his CDL, he continued in the capacity of a plow truck driver. Upon Mr. Getchell's retirement, Gene says he applied for the foreman's job and was among the top three candidates, but was denied the job due to no paving experience. The job was awarded to Henry Peavey, who served in that capacity for the next five to seven years. Gene said he wasn't discouraged though, because he liked the job, so he continued to learn and kept moving forward until he took over for Richard Cain as the Public Works Director in 1996 or '97. Gene remarks how the working conditions have changed over the years since he became employed with the Town. When he first started, there was no Public Works Garage – only a compound area where what little equipment they had was stored, and their office space was in the cellar space named “the dungeon” under the old town office building. He stated it was not too pleasant, and no where near compares to the nice garage the Department has now on the Bog Road.

We would like to thank Gene for his many years of dedicated service to the residents of Vassalboro, and for his leadership and vision as the town grows. His can-do attitude and willingness to accommodate all reasonable requests of his department are a very valuable asset and a pleasure to work with.

Gene, we hope you stay with us until retirement and beyond! Thanks for all that you do, and keep up the good work!

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TOWN MANAGER'S STORY

The year 2011 proved to be a very productive year, with several large projects as undertakings. The first project involved the construction of the new recycling building that is now complete at the transfer station. Many people played important roles in the planning and building of the new structure which was funded in part by a \$22,525 Recycling Grant from the Maine State Planning Office. Thank you to all that participated! The new building will provide useful service to the staff and the town for many years to come!

The second large project the Selectmen and I completed was the revision and adoption of the town Personnel Handbook, which has been a few years in the making. The previous policy was severely outdated and needed to be replaced. The new policy will provide guidance for the administration and the staff going forward, and provide assurance of equality in employment practices.

Other work accomplished involved renovations to the interior of the town office that included painting the interior walls, and removing and replacing all of the old worn out carpet. Bid processes for this work was conducted, and the winning bidders performed the work over a six week period of time, working mostly nights and weekends when the office was unoccupied. It was well worth the wait and disruption, as the outcome of the work was very pleasing and gives us a fresh new look.

Readers will note from reading the many stories inside this annual town report, that volunteerism is a major force behind the drive in this community, and many great things are accomplished as a result!



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This past year, the volunteer Energy Committee members worked tirelessly to implement two energy grants totaling \$46,225, which will save energy consumption and tax dollars in the future. Be sure to read their story inside! At our annual town meeting in June 2011, the Town Selectmen recognized volunteer Tom Richards and presented him with a Spirit of America award for his work on the fire department, the Cemetery Committee, the Memorial Day activities, and for his diligence in raising and lowering the American flags on town properties as needed. The volunteers on the Recreation Committee also worked many hours during this past year to compile a set of by-laws for their group, which they presented to the Selectmen for eventual editing and approval.

I would like to thank all of the town staff, the volunteers, and the Board of Selectmen for their cooperation and support over the last year. I very much appreciate them and the skills they bring to the tasks they perform everyday for the benefit of all Vassalboro residents!

MARY SABINS
Vassalboro Town Manager

DIRECTORY OF ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS



TELEPHONE	TERM EXP.	SELECTMAN/OVERSEER	ADDRESS
873-2108	2014	Lauchlin Titus	1063 Main Street, Vassalboro
923-3391	2012	Philip Haines	702 Bog Road, Vassalboro
626-0966	2013	Robert Browne	9 Szady Drive, Vassalboro
SCHOOL COMMITTEE			
445-5159	2014	Barry Bernier	165 Nelson Road, Vassalboro
872-7062	2013	Phillip Landry	10 St. Bridgetts Way, Vassalboro
872-8596	2013	Kevin Levasseur	209 Bog Road, Vassalboro
	2014	Lance Cloutier	1085 Riverside Drive, Vassalboro
872-9032	2012	Frederick Denico	324 Oak Grove Road, Vassalboro
PLANNING BOARD			
873-5226	2012	Virginia Brackett	20 Alpine St., Vassalboro
622-2793	2012	George Gould	232 Cushnoc Rd., Vassalboro
923-6007	2012	Lee Cummings	151 Crowell Hill Rd., Vassalboro
923-3800	2013	Douglas Phillips	738 Bog Road, Vassalboro
923-3400	2013	Sally Butler	49 Taber Hill Road, Vassalboro
873-1601	Alternate	Marianne Hubert	53 Sherwood Lane, Vassalboro
BUDGET COMMITTEE			
923-3355	2012	Joe Suga	861 Cross Hill Road, Vassalboro
873-7399	2013	Donald Breton	174 Cemetery Street, Vassalboro
622-7730	2012	Richard Phippen	492 Webber Pond Rd, Vassalboro
872-8860	2012	William Branch	622 Oak Grove Road, Vassalboro
923-3800	2012	Douglas Phillips	738 Bog Road, Vassalboro
923-3511	2012	Elizabeth Reuthe*	924 Cross Hill Road, Vassalboro
873-6173	2013	John Burke	196 Oak Grove Road, Vassalboro
622-3096	2013	William Browne	793 Webber Pond Road, Vassalboro
872-5265	2013	William Whitley	67 Gray Road, Vassalboro
872-7268	2013	Lori Fowle	305 Taber Hill Rd., Vassalboro
BOARD OF APPEALS			
923-3231	2012	Peggy Cain	358 Hussey Hill Road, Vassalboro
623-4808	2012	Russell Brown	1096 Riverside Dr., Vassalboro
923-3185	2013	Kathy Lees	604 Bog Road, Vassalboro
923-3759	2013	Leon Duff	595 Hussey Hill Road, Vassalboro
923-3803	2013	John Reuthe	924 Cross Hill Road, Vassalboro

* Resigned

SANITARY DISTRICT

873-4374	2014	Lee Trahan*	374 Crowell Hill Road, Vassalboro
923-3300	2014	David H. Souza	342 Main Street, Vassalboro
923-3391	2012	Phil Haines	702 Bog Road, Vassalboro
872-0579	2012	Leo Sylvain	24 Evans Road, Vassalboro
872-7263	2013	Elizabeth Bean	Main Street, Vassalboro

TOWN CLERK

872-2826	2012	Catherine St. Pierre	P.O. Box 82, N. Vassalboro
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RECREATION COMMITTEE

873-5772	2012	Nicole Wasilewski	316 Oak Grove Road, Vassalboro
873-5772	2012	Ed Wasilewski	316 Oak Grove Road, Vassalboro
	2012	Peter Howard	
	2012	Kristopher Target	
	2012	Paul Pooler	
	2012	Lance Cloutier	
	2012	Ryan Redman	
	2012	Tina Wood	

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

	2013	Mary-Ellen Johnston	191 Priest Hill Road, Vassalboro
923-3836	2013	Steve Jones	55 Quaker Lane, Vassalboro
923-3397	2014	Holly Weidner	320 Main Street, Vassalboro
	2014	Paul Mitnik	700 Cross Hill Road, Vassalboro
923-3483	2012	David Jenney	844 Cross Hill Road, Vassalboro

ENERGY COMMITTEE

873-2605	2012	Clough Toppan, Chair	22 Station Hill Road, Vassalboro
923-3483	2012	David Jenney	844 Cross Hill Rd., Vassalboro
266-4436	2012	Tom Fullam	252 Mudgett Hill Road, Vassalboro
923-3803	2012	John Reuthe	924 Cross Hill Road, Vassalboro
445-5159	2012	Barry Bernier	165 Nelson Road, Vassalboro
872-9032	2012	Rick Denico	324 Oak Grove Road, Vassalboro
872-2040	2012	Michael Vashon	425 Oak Grove Road, Vassalboro

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

622-8792	2012	Richard Kelly, Chairman	1091 Riverside Drive, Vassalboro
923-3411	2012	Tom Richards	508 Hussey Hill Road, Vassalboro
923-3533	2012	Julie Lyon	360 Main Street, Vassalboro
872-2569	2012	Jim Ashton	859 Main Street, Vassalboro

KENNEBEC WATER DISTRICT TRUSTEE

873-3911	2013	Gary Coull	36 Maple Street, Vassalboro
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STATE SENATOR DISTRICT 24

622-9921 - home	Roger Katz	3 State House Station
287-1505 - office	senroger.katz@legislature.maine.gov	Augusta, Maine 04330
287-1583 - TTY		

STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 58

622-2930 - home	Karen D. Foster	659 Church Hill Road
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287-4469 - TTY		

LEGISLATIVE CORRESPONDENCE



Annual Report to the Town of Vassalboro

A Message from Senator Roger Katz

January 2012

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

First of all, a hearty "thank you" for the trust you have placed in me to work for the citizens of Vassalboro and our region. Being your State Senator is truly an honor and I thank you for allowing me the opportunity to be your voice in Augusta.

When I took the oath of office last December, I wanted to be part of moving Maine in a new direction and to make our state more prosperous and affordable. We faced dire budget projections of a billion dollar shortfall. I am proud of the way Republicans and Democrats worked together to meet the challenge. In the last session, we approved a number of significant reform measures to our health insurance market, tax policies and state regulations. Looking back at the First Regular Session, I believe we began to steer the Ship of State in a more affordable direction. We did so while avoiding a government shut-down and the polarizing situations that occurred in other states like Wisconsin. Leadership made the decision early on in the session that we would insist on a 2/3rds budget and that we would create a culture of inclusion, respect and consensus. As a member of the Appropriations Committee, I can tell you we did just that. We increased state funding to local schools by \$65 million, brought solvency to the retiree pension system, and paid back our hospitals millions of dollars that had been owed to them for years. Personally, I am proud of the role I played in bringing to light the abuses at the Maine Turnpike Authority and the excesses of its Executive Director.

Though important progress has been made, we certainly have our hands full in this session! The biggest challenge is to address a staggering \$120 million shortfall within the Department of Health & Human Services and its MaineCare Program for the balance of this year. MaineCare accounts for 32% of the State budget and the program has increased from 200,000 to 365,000 in less than a decade. Difficult structural changes to the MaineCare Program must be made soon, but I am confident that if we continue to work together as we did last year, we can get the job done.

Again, thank you choosing me to represent you in Augusta. Please feel free to contact me if you ever need my help in navigating the state bureaucracy. I can be reached in Augusta at 287-1505 or by e-mail at rkatz@lipmankatzmckee.com.

Roger J. Katz
State Senator, District 24

LEGISLATIVE CORRESPONDENCE



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April 2012

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

As one of Augusta's state representatives, it is a privilege to be your voice in the State House. The increasing daylight hours and warmer days brings many changes to our landscape, including the new and revised law proposals debated at the State House.

With our economy still recovering from the recession, we want to remind you about a few resources that may offer some valuable assistance.

First, each year the Office of the State Treasurer releases a list of unclaimed property, which consists of money and other personal assets that are considered lost or abandoned when an owner cannot be located after a specified period of time. By visiting the Treasurer's Web site, https://www.maine.gov/treasurer/unclaimed_property/online/, you can search for and claim any property being held by the State free of charge.

Another initiative that may be of interest to you is the Maine Residents Property Tax and Rent Refund Program. Nearly 200,000 Maine households qualify for a partial refund of property tax assessed and/or rent paid in 2010. You may qualify for a refund if you do not have a spouse or dependent(s) and your 2010 household income was \$86,600 or less; or if you do have a spouse or dependent(s) and your 2010 household income was \$86,600 or less. In addition, your 2010 property tax must have been more than 4% of your 2010 household income; or the rent you paid in 2010 must have been more than 20% of your 2010 household income. If you have not already received an application, you can obtain one online by visiting <http://www.maine.gov/revenue/forms/tnr/tnr.htm>. One can also request an application from Maine Revenue Services directly by calling 624-7894 or by writing to Maine Revenue Services, P.O. Box 9107, Augusta, Maine 04332-9107. Applications for 2010 must be filed by May 31, 2012. The application period for refunds of property tax assessed and rent paid during 2011 begins August 1, 2012 and ends May 31, 2013.

Lastly, in the event you are in need of information on topics in connection with, but not limited to, energy assistance, emergency shelters, consumer aid, food, and senior services, we encourage you to call 2-1-1 Maine. This easy-to-remember telephone number was created by the United Ways of Maine, in partnership with Youth Alternatives Ingraham and the State of Maine. The call center is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, or you can send an e-mail to info@211maine.gov.

Thank you and please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions that you may have concerning state government or if you would be interested in visiting the State House as my guest. Our representative form of government works best when we all get involved.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karen D. Foster".

Karen D. Foster
State Representative

LEGISLATIVE CORRESPONDENCE



CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

1ST DISTRICT
MAINE

CONGRESSWOMAN
CHELLIE PINGREE

Dear Friend,

I hope this letter finds you and your family well. It continues to be an honor to represent you, and I wanted to take a moment to share with you some the work I've done in Washington and Maine over the last year.

As you know, times are not easy. The country still struggles to recover from the recession, which is why I'm so frustrated Congress has not been serious about job creation. Voters elected us to Congress with the highest priority of getting the country back to work. While we should have been voting on jobs legislation, we have ended up debating anything but.

I am proud, though, to have worked on my own piece of jobs legislation in 2011. Local food is a growing part of Maine's economy and has helped revitalize a traditional staple of our communities—the family farm. We have seen incredible increases in CSA farm shares, farmers markets, and acres in cultivation.

But outdated federal policy hasn't done enough to support this bright spot, and often hinders it. I've introduced the Local Farms, Food, and Jobs Act to bring local farmers the resources they need to continue growing. If passed, it means investments in our regional food infrastructure, help for local schools to buy food produced in their communities, and giving more and more people affordable access to local food.

Another piece of legislation I introduced in 2011 would help service members who are victims of military sexual assault. This has become an alarming problem as thousands of women—and men—report being sexually assaulted while serving. I've listened to many of them who are from Maine. My legislation would ease the restrictions they currently face to get disability benefits from the VA.

As a member of the House Armed Services Committee, I've been able to work on several policies that affect our military personnel. It also means that I've kept close watch on our operations overseas. In 2011, we saw some good news on this front. First, we finally found and killed Osama bin Laden. The second came with the official end to the war in Iraq.

I am so glad that the Mainers who have served there will be able to return home. But we can't forget the nearly 4,500 soldiers we lost in Iraq—24 of them from Maine—nor the men and women who continue to serve in Afghanistan. I hope we can start to bring them home in 2012.

My thoughts now are also with the many Maine families who can't afford to heat their homes. I'm disappointed to see deep cuts in LIHEAP, a program thousands of Mainers rely on. I've introduced legislation to restore the funding and I will keep fighting to get Mainers the support they need.

I wish you and your families the best—it's a privilege to serve you. If there is anything I can do, please don't hesitate to contact me at (207) 774-5019 or www.pingree.house.gov.

Hope to see you in Maine soon,

Chellie Pingree
Member of Congress

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VOTER REGISTRAR REPORT

During this past year we have had two elections in Vassalboro.

- (1) June 6, 2011, was the date for a municipal election, a continuation of the Annual Town Meeting in Vassalboro. There were 229 total votes cast.
- (2) The State Referendum Election was held on November 8, 2011. There were 1,229 ballots cast, over 41% voter turnout. One hundred ten people voted absentee. Once again the Vassalboro voter participation was above the state average.

Also, on December 14, 2010, the Town of Vassalboro participated in the AOS discussion and vote at Winslow High School.

Please be aware that laws for Absentee Voting changed in 2011. No absentee ballots can be issued after the Thursday before any election, except for these special circumstances: (a) The voter will be absent from the municipality of residence **UNEXPECTEDLY** during the entire time the polls are open on election day, and (b) The voter has a physical disability or is not able to leave his/her home or treatment facility due to incapacity or illness. An Affidavit must be

completed by the voter before the ballot can be issued.

As of March 1, 2012, Vassalboro had 2,984 registered voters, enrolled as follows:

Unenrolled (not in any party)	1,039
Democrat	977
Republican	837
Green/Independent.	129

The Town Office is equipped to register voters any time during office hours. When you come to register, remember you should provide a photo ID *and* proof of Vassalboro residency.

All registrations are now kept on the Central Voting Registration (CVR) System, set up through the Secretary of State's Office in Augusta. This makes it easier to track voters when they move from town to town within the State. The CVR System boosts our efficiency, and is a powerful tool against voter fraud.

I would like to thank my co-workers, Cathy St. Pierre and Jean Poulin, without whose expert help this job would be most difficult.

JIM SCHAD
Registrar of Voters
Vassalboro, Maine



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(Fox Photography Services)

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER'S REPORT

This year was quite busy. I handled the following calls:

Dogs at large	12
Cats to Humane Shelter	24
Dog Bites	2
Dogs to Humane Shelter	7
Court.	3
Wild animals calls	5
Summons.	102
Farm animals in the road	11

Rabies is still with us. Make sure you get your pet their shots and be aware when wildlife is around your home.



HOWARD E. MORANG
Animal Control Officer

VASSALBORO TOWN CLERK



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Vassalboro Town Office Staff: (back l-r) Assessor Ellery Bane, Code Officer/Plumbing Inspector Dan Feeney, Registrar of Voters Jim Schad, (front l-r) Town Clerk Cathy St. Pierre, Town Manager Mary Sabins, Bookkeeper Jean Poulin.

Certified Copies of Death, Birth, and Marriage Certificates can be obtained at a cost of \$15.00. Additional copies are \$6.00 each.

You must have proof of having held a previous hunting licenses or proof of having taken a Hunter Safety Course in order to purchase a Hunting license. You do not have to be a resident of Vassalboro in order to obtain a license.

There are approximately 900 dogs registered in town. All dog licenses expire December 31st. You must have a rabies certificate in order to license your dog. You will also need to provide proof of Spay or Neutering. A spayed/neutered dog is \$6.00 and the fee for an unaltered dog is \$11.00. There is a \$25.00 late fee after January 31st. For the past several years we have held a Rabies Clinic at the

North Vassalboro Fire Station in November. Dog licensing is available at the clinic. Part of the proceeds goes to the Vassalboro Food Pantry. You can reach the Animal Control Officer, Howard Morang at 458-4853.

General Assistance is a program that provides assistance with basic needs for eligible applicants who cannot provide for themselves and their families. General Assistance is administered on each Wednesday by appointment unless there is an emergency. Any person who has been assisted with General Assistance in any municipality in the State of Maine must retain all receipts to keep their eligibility. You can call 872-2826 to set up an appointment.

CATHERINE ST. PIERRE
Town Clerk

The following are Marriage Licenses that were recorded from March 1, 2011 – March 2, 2012.

GROOM	BRIDE (current last name)	DATE MARRIED
Robert Allen Lemire	Roberta Rae Bailey	03-20-2011
Michael Martin Ecker	Patricia Ann Wall	05-21-2011
Eben Charles Harrington	Amber Jean Desjardins	06-02-2011
Benjamin Robert Pierce	Julia Ann Friese	06-04-2011
Jonathan Wendell Chellis	Elizabeth Frances Small	06-04-2011
Martin W. Bennett	Angela M. Sexton	06-10-2011
Eddie Lawrence Johnson	Tammy Lynn Hall	06-11-2011
John Russell Matteson	Michelle Anne Champagne	06-18-2011
Devon Jones Mehuren	Stephanie Barbara Moran	07-06-2011
Kenneth Roger Curtis	Nanette Christine Curtis-Denton	07-09-2011

Jeffrey Scott Peaslee	Marion June Vaughan	07-10-2011
Christopher Robert Horan	Rose Marie Merriam	07-11-2011
Keith Albert Cecchinelli	Janet Jennifer Belanger	07-12-2011
William Frank Varnum	Diana L. Blais	07-13-2011
Kristian Michael Bruer	Mary Anne Quimby	07-18-2011
Benjamin David Reining	Beth Christie Bragdon	07-24-2011
Johnathan Richard Blais	Carolyn Ann Mason	08-06-2011
Derek Adam Rexford	Lacey Ann Seigars	08-20-2011
Ryan Anthony Hughes	Megan B. Garcia	08-20-2011
David James Haskell	Josianne Pednault	08-22-2011
Mark Willie Desjardin	Tammy Michelle Roy	09-04-2011
Joseph Charles Capiello	Theresa Marie Spindel	09-10-2011
Rudolf Tazelaar	Kimberly Sue Churchill	09-10-2011
Benjamin William Loiko	Erin Libby Lindquist	09-24-2011
Bryan Matthew Spellman	Julia Ivy Peaslee	09-24-2011
Charles Del Messer	Lauren Elizabeth Surette	10-01-2011
Daryl George Sawtelle	Christine Marie Willette	10-08-2011
Raymond Neal Craig	Hope Marie Robinson	10-22-2011
Matthew Joseph Rooney	Melissa Marie Cobb	11-12-2011
Timothy Allen Hinton	Heidi Jo Rioux	12-03-2011
David Arthur Lockman	Darcy Marie Noel	01-14-2012
Ronald James Knowles	Tatiana Noelle Parisi	02-23-2012
Jason Randall Davidovitch	Alecia Aerrial Gogan	02-29-2012

There were 24 Female and 21 Male births to Vassalboro residents from March 1, 2011 – March 2, 2012.

The Vital Statistic information listed below pertains to the timeframe of March 1, 2011 – March 2, 2012.

NAME	DATE OF DEATH	AGE	LOCATION
Douglas R. Batchelder	March 02, 2011	55	Vassalboro
Sylvia R. Wiswell	March 29, 2011	90	Vassalboro
Joseph A. Dutil	April 01, 2011	82	N. Vassalboro
Molly M. Stickney-Breault	April 17, 2011	0	Portland
Lester K. Albee	April 17, 2011	86	Augusta
Lytle E. Eaton	May 27, 2011	89	Waterville
George E. Dyer	June 23, 2011	71	Lewiston
Joanne M. Tarbox	June 27, 2011	65	Vassalboro
Elizabeth M. Hughes	July 09, 2011	73	Waterville
Peter G. Barry	July 14, 2011	65	Vassalboro
Constance M. Longley	July 14, 2011	87	Waterville
Samuel C. Lilley	July 18, 2011	74	Augusta
Gerald M. Dore	August 01, 2011	80	Portland
Chantal Labbee	August 08, 2011	80	Augusta
MaryAnn Theresa Bullen	August 20, 2011	71	Augusta
Dale E. Penney	August 23, 2011	54	Vassalboro
Sherman R. Perry	August 25, 2011	77	Vassalboro
Lawrence M. Hopper	September 12, 2011	63	Augusta
Leighton W. Coombs	September 27, 2011	84	Augusta
Priscilla D. Hallett	October 14, 2011	52	Vassalboro
Ruth A. Priest	October 18, 2011	91	Vassalboro
Arnold P. Smith	October 19, 2011	75	Whitefield
Onesime J. Cote	December 27, 2011	82	Waterville
Ricky C. Akers	December 30, 2011	41	Waterville
Laurence K. Bushey	January 13, 2012	59	Vassalboro
Geraldine E. Loisel	January 25, 2012	90	North Vassalboro
Paul W. Heikkila	February 01, 2012	85	Vassalboro

REAL ESTATE TAXES

Unpaid as of 03/30/2012

Acct	Name	Year	Original Tax	Payment / Adjustments	Amount Due
71	L BAILEY, PAULA	2010	467.90	0.00	467.90
2311	L BARTLETT, RICHARD & LYNNE	2010	2,000.52	0.00	2,000.52
2633	L BARTLETT, RICHARD & LYNNE	2009	215.79	-8.59	224.38
2633	L BARTLETT, RICHARD & LYNNE	2010	214.90	0.00	214.90
117	L BECKWITH, ALEX & VICKY	2010	549.11	0.00	549.11
149	L BIZIER, ROBERT M	2010	310.65	0.00	310.65
163	L BLUMBERG, SARA "HEIRS"	2010	1,271.32	0.00	1,271.32
265	L BROCK, CARL	2010	56.34	0.00	56.34
2519	L BROCK, CARL	2010	181.24	0.00	181.24
2520	L BROCK, CARL	2010	214.51	0.00	214.51
2972	L BROCK, CARL	2010	140.19	0.00	140.19
272	L BROCK, CARL & AMY	2010	86.84	0.00	86.84
273	L BROCK, CARL & AMY	2010	259.75	0.00	259.75
270	L BROCK, CARLETON E & AMY L	2010	58.44	0.00	58.44
271	L BROCK, CARLETON E & AMY L	2010	270.60	0.00	270.60
2581	L BROCK, CARLETON E & AMY L	2010	181.24	0.00	181.24
2582	L BROCK, CARLETON E & AMY L	2010	124.40	0.00	124.40
2679	L BROCK, CARLETON E & AMY L	2010	948.24	0.00	948.24
2680	L BROCK, CARLETON E & AMY L	2010	141.56	0.00	141.56
2618	L BROCK, CARLTON	2010	213.78	0.00	213.78
3076	L BROCK, CURT	2010	226.47	0.00	226.47
3092	L BROWN, JAMES A.	2010	148.60	0.00	148.60
2923	L BROWN, SCOTT E.	2010	241.00	0.00	241.00
2480	L BURNS, RICHARD	2010	2,274.43	0.00	2,274.43
1747	L CAHOON, DEBORAH E	2010	714.52	194.11	520.41
2528	L CAIN, DAVID & LELA	2010	1,337.58	0.00	1,337.58
1094	L CARLSON, EDWARD A & DOROTHY T.	2010	1,770.74	1,604.13	166.61
447	L CARTER, MICHAEL O	2010	886.63	0.00	886.63
1003	L CHARETTE, OLIN C.	2010	1,229.49	0.00	1,229.49
422	L CHESLEY, CHRISTOPHER & LUANNE	2010	1,370.56	0.00	1,370.56
480	L COOKSON, MURIEL A	2010	495.83	0.00	495.83
487	L CORSON, LEAL O	2010	272.76	0.00	272.76
268	L COSTON, ROBIN & JEFF	2010	121.25	0.00	121.25
3182	L CRAIG, RAYMOND	2010	169.65	0.00	169.65
533	L CUMMINGS, CLYDE JR	2010	560.72	0.00	560.72
3075	L DEBLOIS, CARLEE	2010	313.28	46.77	266.51
1125	L DIXON, MARK	2010	236.94	6.79	230.15
524	L DODGE, AARON D.	2010	1,898.79	0.00	1,898.79
661	L DUMAIS, ROBERT A	2010	764.41	0.00	764.41
3209	L DUTTON, TIM	2010	121.84	0.00	121.84
2579	L DUTTON, TIMOTHY	2010	330.18	0.00	330.18
693	L DYER, DAVID & TANYA	2010	1,017.02	0.00	1,017.02
2684	L DYER, THOMAS	2010	182.93	7.23	175.70
733	L FARRINGTON, NANCY A	2010	1,719.90	489.17	1,230.73
765	L FIELD, JOHN P & MARIETTA F	2010	496.16	0.00	496.16
1176	L FLYNN JR, JOHN P (TRUSTEE)	2010	1,416.86	0.00	1,416.86
848	L GAGNON, JOSEPH L & DEBRA E	2010	735.98	0.00	735.98
953	L GALLANT, LEATRICE B	2010	313.47	0.00	313.47
2777	L GIDNEY, JOSEPH F & ADAM J	2010	1,002.28	0.00	1,002.28
884	L GIDNEY, NORA M	2010	943.37	608.86	334.51
2099	L GRAY, PATRICIA C & CHARLES H	2010	359.85	0.00	359.85
1291	L HAROLD JAMES, INC.	2010	70.94	0.00	70.94
2338	L HAYWARD, RICHARD S.	2010	960.20	0.00	960.20
2840	L HOPPER, MICHELLE C.	2010	624.86	0.00	624.86
1201	L HOWE, SUSAN L & EDWARD L SR	2010	55.90	0.00	55.90
2354	L HUGHES, STEPHEN A & LISA A	2010	1,942.53	0.00	1,942.53
3136	L IBBITSON, THOMAS S.	2010	206.48	0.00	206.48

Acct	Name	Original Year	Payment / Tax	Amount Adjustments	Due
430	L JKP PROPERTIES, INC.	2009	152.40	-25.36	177.76
430	L JKP PROPERTIES, INC.	2010	111.39	0.00	111.39
3114	L JKP PROPERTIES, INC.	2009	293.08	-25.36	318.44
3114	L JKP PROPERTIES, INC.	2010	119.79	0.00	119.79
3115	L JKP PROPERTIES, INC.	2009	279.22	-25.36	304.58
3115	L JKP PROPERTIES, INC.	2010	142.95	0.00	142.95
3116	L JKP PROPERTIES, INC.	2009	306.94	-25.36	332.30
3116	L JKP PROPERTIES, INC.	2010	132.43	0.00	132.43
3118	L JKP PROPERTIES, INC.	2009	293.08	-25.36	318.44
3118	L JKP PROPERTIES, INC.	2010	119.79	0.00	119.79
3126	L JKP PROPERTIES, INC.	2009	293.08	-25.36	318.44
3126	L JKP PROPERTIES, INC.	2010	119.79	0.00	119.79
3127	L JKP PROPERTIES, INC.	2009	285.62	-25.36	310.98
3127	L JKP PROPERTIES, INC.	2010	111.39	0.00	111.39
3130	L JKP PROPERTIES, INC.	2009	296.27	-25.36	321.63
3130	L JKP PROPERTIES, INC.	2010	121.90	0.00	121.90
3131	L JKP PROPERTIES, INC.	2009	301.61	-25.36	326.97
3131	L JKP PROPERTIES, INC.	2010	127.16	0.00	127.16
1153	L JOSEPH, FRANCIS E, TRUSTEE	2010	1,121.19	0.00	1,121.19
2936	L JURDAK, STEVEN	2010	485.83	283.66	202.17
2429	L KARTMAN, MICHAEL J SR	2010	635.39	0.00	635.39
1181	L KING, BERNARD T JR & CAROLE	2010	59.17	0.00	59.17
1187	L KIRALIS, KARL	2010	1,383.19	0.00	1,383.19
1278	L LEMIEUX, SHEILA	2010	675.06	302.66	372.40
1287	L LETOURNEAU, MICHAEL S	2010	1,043.26	0.00	1,043.26
2312	L LISTER, EVANS J.	2010	1,030.83	0.00	1,030.83
2314	L MALLOY, MARIE	2010	1,143.61	0.00	1,143.61
1437	L MCCASLIN, CARL	2007	1,655.71	0.00	1,655.71
1437	L MCCASLIN, CARL	2008	1,750.11	-14.08	1,764.19
1437	L MCCASLIN, CARL	2009	1,494.17	0.00	1,494.17
1437	L MCCASLIN, CARL	2010	1,470.52	0.00	1,470.52
2885	L MCCAUSLAND, CRAIG	2010	918.10	0.00	918.10
3199	L MCGEE, ELIZABETH M.	2010	779.93	0.00	779.93
2318	L MCKEE, DAREN L & MELISA L	2010	677.86	0.00	677.86
1916	L MEADER, DAWN-MARIE	2010	1,282.83	0.00	1,282.83
1523	L MORNEAU, PAUL J	2010	181.55	0.00	181.55
1524	L MORNEAU, PAUL J	2010	1,861.95	0.00	1,861.95
1526	L MORNEAU, PAUL J	2010	159.46	0.00	159.46
1527	L MORNEAU, PAUL J	2010	761.66	0.00	761.66
1528	L MORNEAU, PAUL J	2010	1,709.38	0.00	1,709.38
1532	L MORSE, DENNIS & BETHANY A.	2010	1,593.24	0.00	1,593.24
3202	L MORTON, ROBERT	2010	167.55	0.00	167.55
1540	L MUNSTER, PRISCILLA M	2010	1,153.48	0.00	1,153.48
1593	L NOLL, ETHAN	2010	1,436.85	0.00	1,436.85
2934	L NOLL, ETHAN	2010	411.99	0.00	411.99
1592	L NOLL, ETHAN & CHARLENE M	2010	1,104.68	0.00	1,104.68
1642	L OXLEY, WILLIAM JR	2010	63.37	0.00	63.37
2211	L PATERSON, RUSSELL W & THOMPSON,	2010	2,555.36	0.00	2,555.36
1667	L PELLETIER, RANDALL P	2010	1,174.10	0.00	1,174.10
2611	L PICARD, WAYNE & CATHERYN HUGHES	2010	123.68	0.00	123.68
1708	L PICHER, ROBERT A & GAIL I	2010	376.01	0.00	376.01
1404	L PINKHAM, KIRBY L.	2010	1,116.97	959.89	157.08
1750	L POULIN, JAMES & BRENDA	2010	450.19	0.00	450.19
739	L PRIEST HILL ROAD, LLC	2010	494.79	0.00	494.79
651	L PULLEN, KEVIN & LISA	2010	50.75	0.00	50.75
652	L PULLEN, KEVIN B & LISA	2010	163.34	0.00	163.34
1865	L RICHARDS, PATRICIA A	2010	364.64	0.00	364.64
1866	L RICHARDS, REBECCA	2010	699.97	0.00	699.97
2803	L ROBBINS, BETH & ERIC	2009	118.31	-14.18	132.49
2803	L ROBBINS, BETH & ERIC	2010	123.29	0.00	123.29
1958	L ROSSIGNOL, CARRIE L & ROBERT A	2010	429.83	0.00	429.83
1955	L ROY, PAUL	2010	448.50	0.00	448.50
2862	L SEAMANS, NARISSA & DANIEL	2010	140.19	0.00	140.19

Acct	Name	Year	Original Tax	Payment / Adjustments	Amount Due
1997	L SHIPLEY, EUGENE E SR & JR	2009	986.88	-8.59	995.47
1997	L SHIPLEY, EUGENE E SR & JR	2010	964.07	0.00	964.07
2980	L SMITH,BERTELLE & KIMBERLY	2010	173.81	0.00	173.81
2054	L SNOW, MICHAEL R	2010	2,860.84	2,626.67	234.17
3253	L STONE ROAD CORPORATION	2010	199.78	0.00	199.78
384	L SUGA, RICHARD J.	2010	2,043.27	0.00	2,043.27
2127	L SUGA, RICHARD J. & RHONA R.	2010	1,994.87	0.00	1,994.87
2457	L SUGA, RICHARD JOSEPH	2010	600.99	0.00	600.99
2039	L SULLIVAN, PATRICK D	2009	135.35	-8.59	143.94
2039	L SULLIVAN, PATRICK D	2010	134.53	0.00	134.53
2187	L TOTO, DANIEL A JR & MARCIA	2010	773.17	0.00	773.17
2088	L TREE FREE FIBER CO.	1997	175.74	-11.98	187.72
2088	L TREE FREE FIBER CO.	1998	323.32	30.50	292.82
2088	L TREE FREE FIBER CO.	1999	333.10	-12.25	345.35
2088	L TREE FREE FIBER CO.	2000	380.14	-12.93	393.07
2088	L TREE FREE FIBER CO.	2001	396.09	-12.93	409.02
2088	L TREE FREE FIBER CO.	2002	405.29	-5.00	410.29
2088	L TREE FREE FIBER CO.	2003	442.38	-12.64	455.02
2088	L TREE FREE FIBER CO.	2004	401.51	-12.64	414.15
2088	L TREE FREE FIBER CO.	2005	363.35	0.00	363.35
2088	L TREE FREE FIBER CO.	2006	382.04	-8.32	390.36
2088	L TREE FREE FIBER CO.	2007	294.44	0.00	294.44
2088	L TREE FREE FIBER CO.	2008	305.37	-8.54	313.91
2088	L TREE FREE FIBER CO.	2008	16,087.40	-8.54	16,095.94
2088	L TREE FREE FIBER CO.	2009	905.45	0.00	905.45
2088	L TREE FREE FIBER CO.	2010	894.63	0.00	894.63
2310	L WELCH, PAMELA	2010	1,377.93	0.00	1,377.93
2451	L WOOD, SHANE	2010	591.58	0.00	591.58
2487	L WOOD, SHANE	2010	72.85	0.00	72.85
2488	L WOOD, SHANE	2010	63.37	0.00	63.37
2386	L WOOLEY, MARCIA L.	2010	453.13	0.00	453.13
2447	L YEATON, SANDRA J & JEFFREY A	2010	535.76	0.00	535.76
Total for 152 Accounts:			112,143.88	6,772.40	105,371.48

PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

Unpaid as of 03/30/2012

Acct	Name	Year	Original Tax	Payment / Adjustments	Amount Due
359	P BRIDGET'S PLACE	2010	146.45	0.00	146.45
305	P GERARD, ROBERT G & ANITA L	2009	149.48	0.00	149.48
305	P GERARD, ROBERT G & ANITA L	2010	149.48	0.00	149.48
309	P INK BLOT PRINTING	2009	213.11	51.43	161.68
99	P MORNEAU, PAUL J	2005	274.35	0.00	274.35
99	P MORNEAU, PAUL J	2006	292.95	0.00	292.95
99	P MORNEAU, PAUL J	2007	200.38	0.00	200.38
99	P MORNEAU, PAUL J	2008	214.36	0.00	214.36
99	P MORNEAU, PAUL J	2009	235.33	0.00	235.33
99	P MORNEAU, PAUL J	2010	235.33	0.00	235.33
314	P NOLL, ETHAN E.	2008	69.00	0.00	69.00
314	P NOLL, ETHAN E.	2009	75.75	0.00	75.75
314	P NOLL, ETHAN E.	2010	75.75	0.00	75.75
261	P WW PRECISION MACHINERY INC	2009	723.16	460.56	262.60
261	P WW PRECISION MACHINERY INC	2010	645.39	0.00	645.39
Total for 15 Accounts:			3,700.27	511.99	3,188.28

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

During the past year we were fortunate to continue to see building and plumbing permits remain fairly steady. While the number of new dwellings is certainly down from previous years, the records show that homeowners continue to add additions, porches, and garages as well as upgrades to their properties.

The Planning Board has been active in reviewing the Subdivision Ordinance and will be making recommendations in the future to refine the process and make it easier to submit the necessary document for review. Through their efforts with Site Review, several new small business ventures have been before them and approved.

As of June 30, 2012, we will be using the Maine Model Building Codes as our official building code. This will bring a new standard for all construction projects to adhere to. Vassalboro will enforce the new rules and recommend that any builders who intend to work in the area locate a copy of the 2009 edition of the International Building

Codes and the adopted insulation standards as well. There are several courses available through the State Office of Economic and Community Development and I recommend that you obtain a listing from them of dates and times.



Photo by Charlie Cahaniss (Fox Photography Services)

My office hours will continue to be on Tuesday and Thursday 8 a.m. till 4.p.m. and Friday 8 a.m. until noon. I wish to thank the citizens of Vassalboro as well as the Town Office staff for making it a pleasure to work here. Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have.

DAN FEENEY
Code Enforcement Officer
LPI

ASSESSOR'S REPORT



Photo by Charlie Cahaniss (Fox Photography Services)

It is hard to believe that another year has gone by since my last report to the Town. Once again as always, it has been my distinct pleasure to serve as the Town of Vassalboro Assessor and work with the staff here at the Town office. For 2011/2012 the Town had a total valuation

of \$330,199,800 and issued a total of 1,103 Homestead exemptions. There were also 149 veterans exemptions granted this last year. There are also many residents who

have applied and entered State classified programs such as Tree Growth, Farm Land and Open space. All of these programs, if applicable, can be a help to taxpayers in easing the burdens they face in regards to property tax. Any help that I can offer in explaining these programs and exemptions is encouraged, so please feel free to contact me at the Town of Vassalboro assessing office @ 872-2826 or through email at ebane@vassalboro.net As always, I look forward to working with you in the future.

ELLERY G. BANE
Assessor

APPEALS BOARD

The Appeals Committee did not hear any appeals. One member attended a MMA course this past fall in Farmington. The course reviewed both Planning Board and Appeal Committee procedures, policies, State regulations etc.

KATHLEEN C. LEES
Chair

ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

In the summer of 2011, R.C. Paving was awarded the paving bid for a cost of \$70.70 a ton for both shim mix and surface mix. The following roads were done: The rest of the Crowell Hill road was completed from the previous year where we left off at the bottom of the big hill, and the South Cross Hill road was done. Both roads were shimmed with approximately ¾ inch shim mix, and then a one inch surface mix was put down. There was a credit of .62 cents per ton because of an escalation clause in the contract. There was 3,161.23 total tons used on both roads for a total cost of \$221,539.00.

The plan for the summer of 2012 is to do the following roads as funds allow:

- 1) Stone Road – all of it, approximately 1.6 miles
- 2) Riva Ridge road - all of it, approximately .3 miles
- 3) Dollis Avenue – all of it, approximately .1 miles
- 4) Danielle Avenue – all of it, approximately .4 miles

Normally the Town has been trying to pave around four miles of roads per year to keep them in good condition. This allows most Town roads to be repaved about every ten years or so. As you can see we have been falling behind due to budget constraints. As Road Commissioner, I think the Town should be planning on paving some of the remaining gravel roads in the near future.

Some of the additional work completed by the public works crew included our annual program of cutting and chipping brush to improve the visibility of signs at intersections and overall visibility. Some of the major brush cutting was done on the Crowell Hill Road, Cemetery Street, and the Gray Road. Other work completed was preparation work for paving on the following roads: Crowell Hill and the South Cross Hill Road, which consisted of cutting the high shoulders down. We worked with the China Public Works Department and the Kennebec Water District installing new gates in the China Lake Outlet Stream Dam, built by the Water District. China and Vassalboro Public Works worked together on taking the roof off the gate house and then installing a new roof after the new gate had been installed. I want to thank all the personnel involved to complete this job.



Public Works staff (L to R) Ken Farrell, James (JJ) Wentworth, Gene Field, Russell Ibbitson



In the fall, we spent a lot of time at the Transfer Station doing ground work for the new Recycling Building, funded in part through a grant. We did the

preparation work for the cement slab for the building, dug and installed the water line from the well drilled by Weeks and Son, and installed a septic system. The Public Works crew also worked with the contractor Ray Breton and his crew on the new Recycling Building whenever we could.

The public works crew and the prisoners raked all of the Cemeteries in town. The prisoners also helped out with other projects like, cleaning and painting equipment at the Public Works, Transfer Station, and Fire Stations. In the year 2011, we had the use of their services for 28 days. The use of prisoners has saved the town thousands of dollars. This has become an annual event and I would like to thank Kennebec County for this work program.

At this time, I would like to thank my crew for their dedicated work. The crew consists of Russell Ibbitson, Ken Farrell, and James Wentworth. If you have questions about any road project, please don't hesitate to contact the Public Works Garage at 923-3985 or email at vasspublicworks@fairpornt.net.

In closing I would like to thank the Fire Department for all the help during the storm, Hurricane Irene.

EUGENE FIELD
Road Commissioner

VASSALBORO FOOD STATION PANTRY

When the V.F.S.P. started 10 years ago I had no idea that running a food pantry would be such a constant battle. We work nonstop daily to make certain that no family goes without necessities and that everything runs smoothly every Thursday.

I feel very fortunate to live in a town that is so strongly united. When made aware of a problem, this community comes together in full force to fill the food pantry shelves.

There are people in our community who faithfully deliver a donation to the pantry each month. Without their generosity we would find it difficult to keep afloat. These donors are committed to bring hope to struggling families so they may have food available every Thursday.



A few of the loyal Food Pantry volunteers!

During 2011 the V.F.S.P. provided and coordinated the following:

- 51 Families-Easter Dinner Baskets
- 52 Families-Thanksgiving Dinner Baskets
- 58 Families-Christmas Dinner Baskets
- 38 Families- Christmas assistance w/gifts for children
- Gave food to 2,265 Families
- Average 48 -55 families weekly

Our Source of Funds includes the following:

- 10% Government-USDA food only
- 25% Self-Earned-Fundraising
- 65% Donations/Grants

I would like to extend a Big THANK YOU to some of our Sponsors:

- Mid-State Machine Foundation
- The two Hannaford Stores of Augusta
- Country Kitchen Thrift Store of Waterville
- Maine Savings Credit Union of Vassalboro
- Vassalboro Community School
- Vassalboro United Methodist Church
- Ray Haskell Ford-Waterville
- Vassalboro Quaker Meeting House
- Vassalboro Riverside Congregational Church
- Vassalboro Fire Department-Volunteers
- 104.3 WABK-LOVE FUND
- Ray Breton
- David & Cheryl Sherwood
- John & Elizabeth Reuthe
- AND the Many More Anonymous Donors

I would like to THANK the V.F.S.P. Board Members, the Thursday volunteers, the Town of Vassalboro Employees and the many-many town residents for all their support and kindness this past year.

If anyone would like more information or could volunteer (need strong backs & computer skills), please contact me at 873-7375.

CINDY FERLAND
Executive Director

SOLID WASTE & RECYCLING REPORT

Greetings Vassalboro residents, as Manager of the Transfer Station & Recycling Facility, I thank everyone for their recycling efforts and to encourage all of those who don't recycle, to let us here at the Station educate you on what we recycle and the benefits of recycling for the environment and your tax dollars.

This past year, we shipped 1480.74 tons of Municipal Solid Waste to Penobscot Energy Recovery in Orrington and 189.53 tons of Bulky Waste to Waste Management in Norridgewock. Just a reminder, Vassalboro will not tolerate anyone bringing out of town trash into the Transfer Station. This costs the taxpayers thousands of dollars. Only trash generated within the Town's legal boundaries will be accepted. Fines will be enforced upon anyone bringing trash in from out of town.

As you all know or have heard, we were able to put up a new recycling building and office with a partial grant from the Maine State Planning Office. We are now able to keep some of the different types of recyclables separated and undercover from the weather to prepare for shipment. We would like to thank all of those who made this happen. It was a much needed and very well appreciated improvement for the residents and staff.

This past year, we started recycling #1- #7 plastics and have posted new signs on the recycling building for direction of where these materials go. Rigid plastics such as plastic lawn furniture, clean 5-gallon pails, kids toys, sleds, plastic pools these and all other large bulky plastic items will be disposed of into the #3 rigid plastics can in back of the new recycling building.

2011 recycle week we had an open house of the new recycling building. John Butler and his Cub Scout pack put together some great posters on recycling and had tables

set up with literature and recyclable materials educating anyone interested in what we recycle and the benefits. We thank him and the Cub Scouts pack #410 for this. Also would like to thank Storm Kelso and the Daisies for their planting of flowers at the Transfer Station for the second year. The girls did a wonderful job working together. All compliments go to them.

The biggest form of recycling starts in your household such as plastics, glass, cans, newspaper, magazines, junk mail, and cardboard. We provide areas at the Transfer Station for all of these recyclables and more. In 2011, we recycled 624.7 tons of these materials and more. By recycling these items we save the taxpayers thousands of dollars every year. Please ask for list of what we recycle at the Transfer Station.

We have moved some areas around for traffic flow and to avoid congestion. With the new building in place and a larger area for traffic flow, we anticipate recycling will increase. We look forward to future paving of this new area and the existing paving for safety and accessibility.

The swap shed program has been revised to a smaller area with some restrictions and some items prohibited such as clothing & upholstered furniture. These can pose health issues for some. Sharp objects, broken items, any chemical (household /commercial) are all hazards. These items will not be accepted. Please dispose of them properly. We are asking all of those who use the shed to keep it safe and clean for everyone.

In October, Vassalboro residents had the opportunity to participate in the Household Hazardous Waste collection day, hosted by KVCOG of Fairfield. This event offers a way to properly dispose of paints, stains, thinners, pesticides, and other household chemicals. When disposed of improperly, these items can get mixed in the trash and





have reactions risking health and safety, as well as cause negative environmental impacts. Hopefully, we can utilize this worthwhile event for years to come.

The Transfer Station has a Universal Waste Storage Area to dispose of items such as TVs, computers, game consoles, cell phones, batteries, fluorescent bulbs /CFL'S, and other electronic devices. These contain heavy metals and other hazardous materials and must be recycled properly. It's the law. For 2011, we recycled 38,245 lbs of universal waste. Some items may have disposal fees. Please ask for current prices.



Tom O'Rourke and George Hamar

This year, we will have sign-up sheets to receive returnable bottles and cans that have been recycled at the Transfer Station. These returnables will be donated to local non-profit organizations that may need extra funds for an upcoming project. Collections must be picked up weekly. Please see the Transfer Station Manager for more information.

I would like to thank the Station Attendant Tom O'Rourke for his dedicated hard work at the Transfer Station as well as the Public Works Department, and Raymond Breton and his crew, for ground work and construction of the new recycling building. Thanks also to all of the staff at the town office for their support and services they provide.

If there are any questions, please feel free to ask us here at the Transfer Station.

GEORGE HAMAR
Transfer Station Manager

VASSALBORO PUBLIC LIBRARY



You're always welcome at the Vassalboro Public Library.

FY 10-11 was another engaging and exciting chapter in the history of the Vassalboro Public Library. Patronage continued to grow with over 200 new patrons (155 adults, 80 children) joining the library and our collection increased by nearly 1200 new items, including more than 1000 books and close to 200 audio books, videos, and DVDs. Over 7,500 patrons visited the library and materials circulation remained steady at nearly 12,500. Logging well over 1000 patron sign-ins, our 3 computers (PCs) with high-speed internet access and color printing, as well as our free Wi-Fi access also maintained popularity. Additionally, the reality of our online catalog and automated circulation is becoming more and more imminent due to outstanding volunteer efforts toward digitization. We continue to provide an ever-growing selection of new literature and bestselling fiction, award-winning and educational children's materials, current and noteworthy non-fiction, local history and genealogical materials, and both new and historic notable Maine works. As ever, many favorite items come from plentiful and much appreciated donations.

This past year has kept us busy and active with events and updates to the library. We hosted various visiting presentations, story hours and collaborative events, including children's programs presented by L.C. Bates Museum Outreach and Milkweed Puppet Theater, Touch-A-Truck with the Vassalboro Fire Department and Public Works, and the Spirit of Christmas community day with the East Vassalboro Grange. Our library association celebrated its 100th anniversary and was recognized by the Secretary of State for such a rare and commendable milestone. From the outside we still look the same (unless you peek out back at our newly shingled wood shed), but inside you'll find a whole new experience. We have a host of updates and changes – from all new energy-efficient

lighting brightening every corner with a warm (and quiet) glow to a complete re-organization of the collection and even the furniture. You'll have to see it to appreciate it – and people have been! We continue to receive compliments weekly on how much easier it is to find materials and how welcoming and comfortable the space is for reading, researching, playing, meeting, or just relaxing.

My exceptional assistant, Russell Smith, and I give great thanks for our outstanding team of volunteers for another year of incomparable and steadfast service to the library. Logging over 2000 hours, volunteers checked out and shelved books, filed catalog cards, digitized records, read stories, hauled firewood, carted recycling, baked cookies, sorted donations, and enthusiastically completed myriad other tasks including making all our updates and re-organization a reality -- every effort contributing to our greater good. Space does not allow an exhaustive list of all who contribute their time and energy, but the following deserve special recognition for their incalculable efforts and unflagging dedication: Eleanor Getchell, David Jenney, Betts Kiralis, Jim Ashton, Lore & Chuck Ferguson, Irene Forster, the Limberger family, Valerie Sugden, the Welch family, Claudia Wilcox, Hope Audet, Frank Axtel, Dick Behr, Graham Clark, Jenna Clifford, Joyce Colasacco, Myrna & Paul Duplessie, Marvae Eulo, Tim Giroux, Dianne Hogendorn, Nicole Jones, Jennifer Kochaver, Helen LaFleur, Julie Lyon, Art & Linda Kingdon, Sylvia Michaud, Susan Taylor, Lauchlin & Linda Titus, Clough Toppan, Esther Bernhardt, Stewart Corson, Debra Crump, Elizabeth Davidson, Victor Esposito & the REACH kids, Matthew Freytag, Eliza Meyer, Susan Kiralis, George O'Connor, David Shipman, Pam Shofner, Debby Thompson, Marcia Tyrol, Jacob Vashon, Ann White, Kala & Ida Wistar and the Kennebec Valley Chordsmen. Thank you one and all!

As a vibrant community center that delivers access to information, ideas and entertainment for everyone, we are proud to maintain the services and value upon which the town has relied for over a century. Despite our growing 21st century edge, we continue to provide personalized service and dedication to patrons and projects every day. We are open Mondays & Wednesdays (12:30-8PM) and Saturdays (10AM-6PM) – stop by for a bestseller, discover a new author, research a favorite topic, connect online, print your resume, learn something new, volunteer, meet up with your friends and neighbors, or just say hello!

DAWN THISTLE
Librarian

VASSALBORO FIRE DEPARTMENT

Our Fire Prevention Week continues at the Vassalboro Community School every October. And this year, was more important than ever. On November 21st, the VCS had a fire in one of the girl's bathrooms. We are pleased that the professional staff at VCS was able to evacuate approximately 500 kids in a quick and disciplined manner, and all were safely accounted for. We are thankful to have the opportunity to teach the kids about fire safety and fire hazards.

Each year, we have a very good turnout at our annual hunter's breakfast of which all the proceeds are used exclusively for Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets and toys distributed through the Vassalboro Food Station. Please join us this year to support the Food Station and enjoy a homemade breakfast with your family. The Fire Departments biggest fundraiser is our Annual Ice Fishing Derby. This year, the proceeds will be used to purchase new equipment for the firefighters. Thank you for supporting both of these activities.

We would like to remind existing residents and new residents who have either moved or built within Vassalboro to have their E-911 numbers on their mailboxes and on their homes. Without proper identification, this causes delays in locating the right residence for the Fire Department, Delta Ambulance, Law Enforcement Agencies, and any other emergency need. We ask that residents clearly mark their homes and both sides of their mailbox. It is recommended that numbers be at least four inches high and a contrasting color, preferably reflective numbers, which makes it much easier to see in the evening hours.

In late August, Hurricane Irene traveled up the east coast, with Maine in its sight. Vassalboro 'weathered' the hurricane fairly well....although members of the Vassalboro Fire Department were out most of the day clearing fallen trees from roadways. Residents of South Stanley Hill Road were isolated as two trees fell on each end of that road. Please be extremely careful when approaching fallen trees near power lines....downed power lines can still be live and can create a severe hazard. When a situation such as this arises, please call 911 and the Fire Department will be dispatched.

The Vassalboro Fire Department has begun a program to upgrade the SCBA's and fire fighting gear for the firefighters. We are planning to do this over a three year period. We applied and received several grants from the Maine Municipal Association, Sukeforth Foundation and the Wal-Mart Foundation, to help keep our cost down. We would like to thank these organizations for their continued support.



Photo by Clough Toppan

New lighting at the North Fire Station thanks to the Energy Grant.

During the past year the fire department responded to 120 calls. Some of the types of calls are noted below:

- 6 Structure Fires
- 7 Wires Down
- 5 Smoke Investigations
- 24 10-55 (Vehicle accidents)
- 14 Down Tree/Power Line Calls
- 5 Vehicle Fires
- 2 Vehicle Extrications
- 9 Medical Assistance
- 1 Grass Fire
- 3 Mutual Aid Calls
- 3 Carbon Monoxide
- 2 Gas/Oil Leaks
- 3 Chimney Fires
- 2 Brush Fires
- 15 Fire Alarms

I would like to thank all the members of the Vassalboro Fire Department for the countless hours they have spent making Vassalboro a safer place to live. Many hours are spent not only fighting fires, but firefighter training, servicing trucks, and keeping up with state regulations. Because of your unselfishness and dedication to service, Vassalboro is truly a better place to live and raise a family. In addition, I would also like to thank the town officials and the Vassalboro residents for their continued support of the fire department. We are fortunate and thankful to enjoy such a supportive community.

ERIC ROWE
Fire Chief

VASSALBORO POLICE REPORT

I want to extend my sincere thanks for those who have conspicuously displayed address numbers identifying their homes. For those who have not had a chance, I would encourage you to do so. The numbers identify your home for your benefit in case of emergencies. Even as little as a one or five minute delay can make a life difference.



to establish if anyone is home. They then will drive in the driveway and approach the residence and knock on the door. If the door is not answered immediately, the burglar will almost immediately enter an unlocked door or forcibly enter the home. **It may be wise to lock your doors even if you are at home.**

It is very important to lock both your home and vehicle doors, and notify your neighbors if you are going to be gone for any longer than an ordinary length of time. Occasionally, I receive calls from those neighbors reporting something suspicious at your homes while you are away.

Please record the registration plate of any suspicious vehicle that gets your attention and call the police.

One group of burglars was apprehended after an alert public works department employee observed a suspicious vehicle on the Church Hill Road.

At least three different groups of burglars were arrested last Spring and Summer, after a number of burglaries in Vassalboro and the greater central Maine area. Often the burglars are young adults with a drug addiction. In some of the cases, the female driver will drop off the male burglar and wait in the area until signaled by the burglar for pick up. Unfortunately, not all the burglars and drug addicts are from away. A group of local men were charged last Summer with several burglaries and thefts.

The burglars are willing to take many risks in order to obtain money for an immediate fix.

Most of these burglaries occur during the day, and the burglars will, at first, drive by a couple of times trying

As many residents are becoming increasingly health conscious, we see an increase in the number of walkers, joggers, and bicyclists on our roads, especially during the Winter and Spring months because they have no other place to exercise. It is especially important for vehicle operators to slow down and give these people plenty of safe distance. Often it is necessary to stop if another vehicle approaches from the opposite direction. Many very serious bicycle and pedestrian accidents are reported nationwide yearly with many resulting in fatalities.

RICHARD PHIPPEN
Vassalboro Police



SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

The Kennebec County Sheriff's Office continues to proudly serve the citizens of Kennebec County. The Sheriff's Office has a long history of service, dating back to 1799. Our agency provides a multitude of services, including Law Enforcement, Corrections, Court Security and Civil Service.

In 2011, Deputy Sheriffs responded to a total of 26,683 calls for service. We answered (464) calls for service involving theft; (827) motor vehicle accidents; (414) alarms; (207) burglaries; (113) assaults and (107) K-9 calls. We also managed (83) registered sex offenders within the County.

During the past year, our Correctional Facility managed 3,339 inmates. The offenses committed by defendants include everything from Burglaries to Homicides. Substance abuse and the proper treatment of citizens with mental illness continue to be two primary concerns at the Correctional Facility. The Criminogenic Addiction Recovery Academy was created this year to provide treatment for both substance abuse and mental illness. We cannot arrest our way out of the growing opiate addiction problem.

Inmates at the Kennebec County Correctional Facility are required to work. Inmates that are considered to be a risk to the community work inside the facility cleaning and cooking, others are supervised on outside projects. For every two days worked, one day is reduced from their sentence,



resulting in a \$670,675 bed day savings to the citizens of Kennebec County. Throughout 2011, inmates worked 27,181 community service hours, valued at approximately \$203,856. Our inmates raised 56,738 pounds of produce for the inmate kitchen and area food pantries in 2011.

We are committed to providing innovative programs to reduce crimes, assist victims, and to provide enhanced public safety. I acknowledge the ever-growing opiate addiction problem and have committed to partnerships at the Federal, State and Local levels to combat this problem. Our approach is aggressive enforcement, education, and treatment for those afflicted.

I will provide the 122,151 citizens of Kennebec County with progressive and professional Law Enforcement and Correctional Services. I welcome any comments or suggestions which improve our service to the citizens of Kennebec County.

RANDALL A. LIBERTY

Sheriff, Kennebec County



VASSALBORO LIBRARY



The Vassalboro Public Library, 1912 to 1979

In the fall of 1974, a young mother walked her baby in his carriage down Stanley Hill Road. They were new to East Vassalboro, but she had discovered a tiny library less than a mile from home, and was eager to explore it. As she entered the dark, shadowy building, she knew nothing about its past or its future.

The seed of a Vassalboro library germinated in March 1909 at the Friends Meeting House, with the help of Miss Eloise Hafford, a Quaker minister. Five months later, constitution and bylaws firmly established, the group held its first fundraiser—a lawn party with ice cream and candy for sale. The following March, the people of Vassalboro voted at Town Meeting to raise \$100 to help buy books. At the 1911 Annual Meeting, the townspeople actually voted to help the library with books, care, and maintenance—to the tune of \$150. Weeks later, the library was incorporated by the State of Maine. The fledgling Vassalboro Public Library was on its way. Now all it needed was a permanent building to house the books.

Exactly one hundred years ago the Kennebec Water District donated a camp which was located on the far side of China Lake. George H. Cates donated land on the South Stanley Hill Road in East Vassalboro (just past the sharp corner, on the west side of the road). On a bitterly cold day, four teams of horses dragged the tiny building across the frozen lake to its new home, jockeying it into position with logs and chains and levers. A good number of townspeople were on hand to help, and someone even recorded the event on film.

The good folks of Vassalboro rolled up their sleeves and went to work. Everett Coombs built the bookshelves; volunteers transferred the books from the Friends Meeting House down the hill to the library building; Arthur Mason installed electricity; and members donated firewood to heat the building. Mrs. Madeline Cates served as the first

librarian (1910 to 1948). With the help of retired State Librarian Marian Stubbs, Mrs. Cates set up an official cataloguing system. She also assembled a complete set of Vassalboro Town Reports, dating back to 1850.

Miss Betty Taylor became librarian in 1948, holding the position till 1956 when she moved to California. At that point Mrs. Mildred Harris gained the official title, along with the astonishing stipend of \$50 per year! About 1959, upon the death of her mother, Betty moved back to town. In September of that year, Betty and Mildred held a rummage sale at the library to raise money for new books. Netting \$1300 the first year, the library sale became an annual event which continues. Miss Taylor served as Librarian for an uninterrupted period of nearly forty years—from 1959 to 1998. She actively built an excellent collection of Maine books that is still highly respected throughout the area. And it was Betty who met the young mother and her baby at the library on that afternoon in 1974. Their mutual love of books led to a lifelong friendship.

It was five years later, during the State Referendum Election in November, that disaster struck. Betty Taylor was serving as ballot clerk when someone came rushing into the polling place. “The library’s on fire!” he shouted. Within minutes the election warden was left with a skeleton crew, as Betty and several others headed for East Vassalboro.

The little library was a total loss. But the people of Vassalboro again rolled up their sleeves and went to work. Scores of volunteers rescued thousands of books, including much of the Maine Collection. History from 70 years before repeated itself as the library reopened at the Friends Meeting House. Betty took hundreds of books home, where she stored them and then restored them with help from experts.

CELEBRATES 100 YEARS



Vassalboro Public Library, in March of 2012

Almost immediately a fund drive was begun for a new library. Insurance on the building was \$50,000 and another \$5,000 in small donations came in from many sources. Manager of the building program was Rick Denico; Bobby Ifill did the brickwork at a greatly reduced rate; Carroll Bragdon installed the septic system and did the ground work; Duratherm Window donated the windows; and Waterville Vocational School students built the stacks; Gordon Winters...Carl Ferris...and countless others from the Central Maine area gave of their time and skill with amazing results. The very next year, at no cost to the Town, a brand new Vassalboro Public Library opened its doors less than half a mile from the site of the one that had burned.

When Betty retired as librarian in 1998, her assistant Julianna Rowe picked up the reins. She was followed in 2001 by Vickie Limberger, who served until 2006.

Today, beginning its second century, the library is under the capable leadership of Dawn Thistle, assisted by Russell Smith and a host of volunteers. Patronage continues to rise...the collection continues to grow...the building has been expanded (again, with no financial burden to the Town)...annual circulation is at almost 12,500. Dawn's report elsewhere in this booklet will furnish more details. A look back at a century of history reflects the success of an idea that has brought far more than books to the Town of Vassalboro.

That baby in the carriage from 1974? He's grown up and married now, with two little guys of his own. They've lived abroad, and are now in D.C. And everywhere they go they look for playgrounds...and libraries. It's a generational thing...

by Mrs. Vicki Reynolds Schad



The first Vassalboro Public Library, on its move into history.

VASSALBORO RECREATION COMMITTEE

COMPETITIVE YOUTH PROGRAMS

The Recreation Department serves over 250 children throughout the year and is committed to giving all Vassalboro children the opportunity to participate in group and individual athletic programs that encourage healthy lifestyles, while keeping all participants safe. During these hard economic times, it is so valuable for the children to participate in an activity, in their own town, regardless of their ability to pay. The Vassalboro Recreation program is committed to giving all children an equal opportunity. Soccer, Basketball, Baseball, and Softball are all competitive sports that play within the Dirigo League. Field Hockey was a new addition this year for our children. Our participants are Vassalboro residents between the ages of 5-12. This was another successful year for Vassalboro recreation sports.

Soccer continues to be a popular sport with 80 participants. All of the children play competitive games with other towns in the league. They played all of their home games on our new multi-purpose field. We were very lucky that Expert Tire in Augusta donated over 60 soccer balls to our youngest two groups.

One hundred and seven children signed up for basketball. The Kindergarten and first graders learned skills and scrimmaged each other, while the second through sixth graders played competitive games. The Vassalboro school gym was open for these children every Saturday for games and Sunday for practice. More gym time meant that the children were better prepared to play their opponents.

Baseball and Softball had about eighty boys and girls learning how to catch, hit, and throw. The girls enjoyed playing on their new softball field. A new infield mix was purchased that kept the kids safer when sliding. This year we are focusing on selling signs to hang around the fields with the money going towards a tractor to better care for our fields.

Dedication ceremony for the flagpole at the Bog Road recreation fields, which was coordinated by Eagle Scout Damian Belanger.



INTRAMURAL YOUTH PROGRAM

Twenty-two girls and one boy practiced Field Hockey every Sunday this past fall. 20 sticks and balls were purchased for the children to use. Two Erskine Academy students, Madison Michaud and Abby Waceken came to all of the clinics and helped all participants with helpful coaching. The children really enjoyed the experience and look forward to playing next autumn. We are planning to expand the program to children from Kindergarten through 8th grade next year and schedule some scrimmages with other teams.

Halloween Party

This year we celebrated Halloween at the North Vassalboro Fire Station. Becca Reed and Mattie Lajoie created a scary haunted room, Mary Kochaver and Lynn Watson created gross touch boxes, Karen Peloquin took photographs, Jeff York was our fabulous D.J., our local Maine Savings Credit Union ladies hosted a cake-walk, and the girl scouts made the refreshments. A costume contest was judged and everyone secretly voted on the best jack-o-lantern. All of the cash donations from this event have been put in an account for the future playground at the recreation fields.

Grant Progress

The state's Land and Water Conservation Fund offers a 50-50 matching grant that the committee applied for that not only included drainage, but also a septic system, swings, handicapped accessible bathroom, and handicapped accessible bridges. The grant writing process took numerous hours and resources. The grant request application totaled \$76,000. We already have the town's matching contributions in the form of man and machine

hours from our Public Works Department and John Picher, volunteer hours and monies set aside. At this time we are awaiting the final federal approval.

NICOLE WASILEWSKI
Recreation Director

RECREATION COMMITTEE
*Ed Wasilewski, Peter Howard,
Kristopher Target, Jennifer Fisher,
Lance Cloutier, Ryan Redman,
and Kristen Bowker*

ERSKINE ACADEMY HEADMASTER

As it has been since its founding in 1883, Erskine Academy is a private school with a public mission. Ours is a true community school serving a completely voluntary enrollment of approximately 620 students grades nine through twelve who come to us primarily from eight communities with choice regarding high schooling. While we have no boarding students, beginning this past fall there are five international students enrolled at the Academy and living with local host families. This program coupled with an open admissions policy for local students fosters diversity and results in a student body with a wide range of socio-economic backgrounds, experiences, and aspirations.

The turbulent economy and declining student numbers statewide significantly impact our budget, but we are not deterred from making the necessary investments to improve all that we do and enhance what we are. We bridge the gap between public funding at the state's set tuition rate and the actual cost per pupil by relying heavily on the goodwill and generosity of our alumni and friends to provide financial support and other gifts to the school. This year's Annual Appeal solicited financial resources to further our character education programming, through which our students learn the healthful dispositions of kindness, compassion, perseverance, civility, and responsibility.

Erskine Academy students continue to benefit from the best traditions of small town schools: individualized attention, respect for diversity, a strong cooperative spirit, and multiple opportunities for leadership and service. The wide range of activities pursued by our students and staff is testimony to the vibrancy of the school community. Advanced Placement courses and dual enrollment programs for college credit, academic assistance services, fine and performing arts, athletics and service programs are all an integral part of the Erskine Academy experience. Above all, the Academy embraces the best practices of good teaching and learning; our teachers and administrators are totally committed to becoming ever more effective and are constantly improving their techniques to meet the needs and interest of our students.

School choice has been the foundation to our educational excellence; quality service and high levels of student achievement keep our enrollment robust and our school operational. Though private, we were founded to serve



Photo by Bernie Welch

the public good, a mission and heritage about which we are proud and mindful. We appreciate that Vassalboro has preserved school choice for its residents and that many Vassalboro families have entrusted Erskine Academy to care for and educate their young people. Although the financial climate continues to be challenging for all of us, we pledge all of our resources—town paid tuition, private and international students' tuition and fees, and gifts from our alumni and friends—to provide high quality educational experiences to inspire our students to their highest potential in school, at work, and within their communities.

We are grateful for your confidence in and support for Erskine Academy. Vassalboro students attending the Academy are indeed doing their families and community proud.

MICHAEL MCQUARRIE
Headmaster

VASSALBORO HISTORICAL SOCIETY



The Vassalboro Historical Society had a very busy 2011. From a change in leadership to physical improvements on the Taylor property to trees uprooted by Hurricane Irene to the creation of a VHS logo.

Kent London, long term VHS President took a step back from those duties but continues to serve on the Board of Directors and remains very active. The new President is Janice Cain Clowes, a Vassalboro native. Jan considers herself a techie and is slowly working toward building a website and getting the VHS newsletter on line.

As stewards of a large collection, the VHS takes seriously the conservation and protection of its historical items. This year saw the purchase of a dehumidifier to alleviate concerns about mold and mildew at the museum. At the Taylor estate, our loyal team of volunteers led by Building Director Dave Bolduc, raised the barn to protect it from water damage and critters. The Annex was updated also and with new siding and stairs, and got a paint job. Windows were replaced in the house and a new roof is planned for the spring of 2012.

Our collection increased in 2011 with donations and or purchases of:

- Civil War roster
- Copy of a Wheaties box featuring and signed by Seth Westcott (a former Vassalboro resident)
- Tall step-back cupboard
- 18 deeds concerning the White-Wyman family
- Diaries written by a North Vassalboro woman during the Civil War
- Franklin stove, salvaged from the old Lakewood Hotel in Skowhegan. It was cast in the "Vassalboro

Foundry," which was operated by Pope & Lang to equip the woolen mill. *This is the foundry's only non-machinery product known to survive.*

Breadmaker

As always, the Vassalboro Historical Society is open to the public from 1pm-4pm on the second and fourth Sundays of each month from May – November (or at other times by appointment). Programs are offered at 7 pm on the following Thursdays:

March 15th

May 17th

July 19th

September 20th

And watch for the occasional Barn Sale & an Antique Sale beginning in May.

To access the Society and its collections, you may contact Julie Lyon, Curator, PO Box 43, East Vassalboro, ME 04935. Telephone (207) 923-3533 or leave a message on the Historical Society phone at (207) 923-3505. For more information on membership and the great volunteer opportunities, contact Jan Clowes at (207) 660-2854 or by e-mail at VHSpresident@hotmail.com.

JULIE LYON

Curator



Annex repair day.

CHINA REGION LAKES ALLIANCE

The CRLA has been helping to protect and improve the water quality of the Lakes and waterways in the Town of Vassalboro since 1995. A sampling of the work completed in Vassalboro alone is appended.

The Courtesy Boat Inspection program is run by CRLA each year to staff the 4 public boat launches and inspect boats and trailers for invasive plants (i.e. milfoil). This past year 19 young adults from area high schools were trained and employed to guard the Lakes from hitchhiking plants from out-of-state and in-state invested lakes. The cost to CRLA to provide this service was \$ 18,550 which doesn't include the volunteer time provided by CRLA Board members or other community helpers that were provided to help make the program run smoothly. We feel, however, it is worthwhile and essential to invest in this protection to hopefully avert an infestation calamity.

In terms of conservation project, a series of surveys and pre-construction work were conducted at the Seaward Mills Stream to help mitigate the fish passage issues at the Route #3 culvert crossing. This project is ongoing and involves numerous State and Federal agencies along with CRLA as the project leader, and many local interested-stakeholders. With Vassalboro's continued help and support, the implications for improving alewife habitat and water quality conditions in Three Mile Pond remains one of our main and most exciting goals!

A major conservation project, using the DEP's Stormwater Compensation Funds from the Webber Pond Watershed, in conjunction with match from the property owners and CRLA, was undertaken at Green Valley Campground. CRLA helped administer and engineer the project, using local contractors and material suppliers, to implement substantial conservation practice upgrades over \$12,000 in value.

We look forward to a continued good partnership with the Town of Vassalboro and appreciate your support.

JIM HART

CRLA President

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Webber Pond: Robert Nadeau robartp@gmail.com



Route 32 Plunge Pool - Before



Route 32 Plunge Pool - After
(hauled away 4 yards of sediment)

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Vassalboro Conservation Commission is now in its fifth year. The members of the Commission include: David Jenney, Steve Jones, Mary Ellen Johnston, Holly Weidner and Paul Mitnik. The ordinance under which it functions allows up to seven members. If any Vassalboro resident is interested in serving on this Commission, please call the Town Office and leave your contact information. All meetings are open to the public, and we hold them on the second Thursday of every month. The following is a summary of our past year:



motorized vehicles on the path and the public will have access to this launch site.

During the fall, we had the opportunity to acquire more trees through the Project Canopy Program. They had a surplus of trees which were available to participating communities. Our local landscaper Fieldstone Gardens, offered to go and pick them up in southern Maine, and plant them for us. They grace the Town Office driveway and several other locations around town.

In March 2011, we had a guest at our meeting, Elizabeth Reuthe, who discussed with us the idea of engaging the community in discussions about the future, change, and resolving conflicts. The Process Work Institute has a model that we could use to hold public meetings and encourage community members to find their agreement points. We will continue to evaluate the benefits of using this facilitated process to discuss topics that are related to land use and protecting our natural resources.

Throughout the spring and summer, we continued to work on the boat launch project at Seven Mile Stream on the Kennebec River. The DEP and the DOC had input on our plan and required some additional site work for handicap access that was beyond our original vision and budget. We will continue to look for ways to make the Kennebec more accessible to our community. The former landowner and donor, Mark Isaacson, had specified two conditions: no

We began the work of developing an inventory of our natural resources based on the Beginning With Habitat maps provided by the State. Steve Walker from IF &W attended our November meeting to show us how to utilize the maps and prioritize the high value areas. One feature stood out for our community: We have a significant quantity of high value deer wintering habitat. This is a resource we feel is important to protect. We will continue to inventory the other high value natural resources of this community (rivers, lakes, streams, agricultural land, other plant and animal habitat) and then share this information with Vassalboro residents.

Our winter activity has been comprised of organizing meetings with our legislative representatives in order to share our concerns, listen, and learn about the bills that are pending in the Legislature. We will continue to develop an inventory of Vassalboro's natural resources in the spring and invite anyone interested in helping to contact us.



VASSALBORO ENERGY COMMITTEE

The Vassalboro Board of Selectman (the Board) submitted a Request for Grant Applications to Efficiency Maine Trust in 2009 for \$10,000 for an energy review of the Town buildings. This was followed up with a subsequent grant request in 2010 to carry out energy improvements at the Library, the Public Works garage, and the fire stations on Riverside Drive and Main Street. Both of these grants were funded by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and it was called the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants (EECBG).

The Vassalboro Energy Planning Committee (VEPC) met several times to discuss options and prepare request for bids pursuant to the Town's procurement policy. The total amount available to the town was \$46,225. All work was completed in early December 2011. The town had to expend its own funds and request reimbursement. The deliverables completed were:

- a) Replace boiler in town garage with a high efficiency cold start boiler;
- b) Replace the existing overhead warm air heating system in the town garage with a thermo-cycling warm air mixing system;
- c) Install 20 gallon electric water heater in town garage;
- d) Replace existing demand boiler at the Riverside fire station with cold start boiler;
- e) Upgrade the existing boiler at North Vassalboro fire station with smart controls;
- f) Replace old style T-12 fluorescent ceiling lights with efficient T-8 lights at Riverside and North Vassalboro fire stations, and library;
- g) Replace existing incandescent outdoor lighting with high efficiency LED wall lights at Riverside and North Vassalboro fire stations, and town office;



Many thanks to town office staff for pulling together the necessary statements and invoices so that the reimbursements could be received. Except for the time that town employees spent assisting with the grant and the subsequent work, this project did not cost the town taxpayers anything.

Vassalboro residents have been able to undergo energy improvements with the help of PACE loans (Property Assessed Clean Energy). These loans are for energy improvements and are backed by Efficiency Maine Trust. These loans are easy to obtain and have an interest rate of 5.99%, with a minimum loan amount of \$6,500 and a maximum amount of \$15,000. The fuel savings homeowners can achieve are typically in the 15-40% annually.

Vassalboro Local Energy Planning Committee

Barry Bernier	Rick Denico
Tom Fullam	David Jenny
John Reuthe	Clough Toppan, Chair
Mike Vashon	



Photos by Clough Toppan

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS



REACH students celebrate grand opening of school trail.

Vassalboro Community School has enjoyed another year of tremendous support from the community, parents and students. The successful completion of our mission statement and work with children would not be possible without the thousands of volunteer hours offered by the very talented and thoughtful people of this community. Thank you again for another year of working together for the benefit of our children.

I am pleased to note the school department was able to complete phase II of our parking lot and entrance improvement project this year. I hope you find the drop off and pick up area much more convenient and safe for you and your children.

Unfortunately we did have a fire at the school during school hours this year. The staff and students practice on fire drills and emergency evacuations all the time but seldom if ever in a student's school career do they have to use that learning. The last thing a superintendent ever wants to hear is that we have a school on fire. However, by the time that call came to me, Principal Gram, Assistant Principal McCullough and the staff had every student out of the building and away from danger. Within minutes our transportation team had buses available for the students to get into. I am so proud of our staff and students for

the efficiency in which they vacated the building and accounted for everybody in less than two minutes. Your children are in good hands when you drop them off for school at the VCS!

I am proud to note that for the third year in a row the school department has been able to bring, for your consideration, a budget that includes less dollars than the previous year! However, because of a huge loss in state revenue we are forced to ask for more local taxes even to support a budget that is less than the previous year. You can well imagine the hard work and long hours put in by our Teachers, Town and School Administrators, Board of Education, the Selectmen and our Budget Committee in working through the complexities of this budget. My sincere thanks to all of you for the advice and assistance you have given me and my staff during this process.

Assistant Superintendent, Peter Thiboutot, has highlighted some of the VCS curriculum/assessment work below. As you can see, it has been another busy year providing a quality education for our students.

ERIC L. HALEY

Superintendent of AOS #92

Vassalboro, Waterville and Winslow

The Vassalboro Community School has had another outstanding year under the leadership of Principal Dianna Gram and Assistant Principal Aaron McCullough. There are so many initiatives and accomplishments, it's impossible to list them all, so here are a few highlights:

Curriculum continues to be a focus for staff, with special attention to math. Teachers K-8 are working to align the VCS math curriculum with the Common Core Standards for mathematics. Cathy Ladd-Cyrway heads the math curriculum committee, which provides teachers with support for this work. Teachers who don't teach math are working on reviewing their curricula to ensure alignment with standards, using a curriculum mapping software to capture their work. Early release days and inservice days are being put to good use as teachers work to ensure that all students have access to common standards and expectations.

Another highlight of the year is the after-school programming. Spearheaded by Beth Carlton, VCS guidance counselor, the after school program included more than half of all students and teachers. Students were able to choose from a wide variety of options, including intramurals, games, crafts and other activities. This

program was a huge success, made possible through federal grant funds.

Speaking of federal grants, VCS was visited by a team from the Department of Education as they reviewed the school's programs funded through federal monies. The Title IA reading program was thoroughly reviewed, along with a variety of other initiatives and the findings were very positive. The team commended Vassalboro Community School for its strong community focus, its relationship with parents, and its strong programming in support of struggling readers.

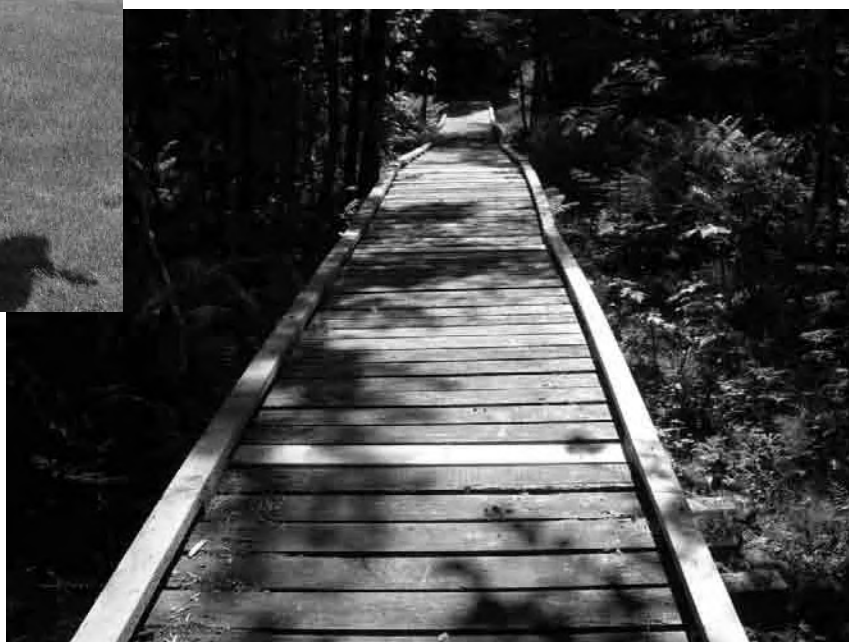
Project REACH, under the direction of Victor Esposito, was visited by the national JMG organization. Schools in Maine were sought as they have successful data oriented programs, and the program at VCS stood out due to the community and leadership presence. This visit included business partners, town officials and Central office representation. This visit sparked discussions regarding a possible partnership with schools in other states.

As you can see, VCS continues to attend to the academic and social needs of its students, while emphasizing the value of community. Thanks to all staff for another great year.



Principal Diana Gram

The boardwalk on the school trail.



PETER THIBOUTOT

*Assistant Superintendent of Schools for AOS #92
Vassalboro, Waterville and Winslow*

VASSALBORO CEMETERY COMMITTEE

The Vassalboro Cemetery Committee has completed its second year of oversight of the cemeteries in the Town. We meet at the Town Office on the first Monday of every month at 9:30 am. Citizens are welcome to join us at any meeting. (As the first Monday of some months falls on a holiday the committee will then meet the second Monday. Citizens should check with the Town Office to confirm a date.)

Priority for this year has been to visit all existing cemeteries under the Town's care and to report to the Town Manager and the selectmen the status and condition of each cemetery. The town records indicate there may be more cemeteries, private or unknown. Anyone with additional information would be appreciated. Some of the concerns reported were: broken headstones; brush removal from the border of most of the cemeteries; larger trees in some of the cemeteries needing trimming or total removal. As of this date some of these items have been resolved. The headstones at the North Vassalboro Village Cemetery have been repaired and two large trees at the East Vassalboro Methodist Cemetery have been partially removed. Over time, however, the need to make major repairs and cleanup of these lovely burial grounds has accumulated to a point that the Committee will seek funds to bring their condition up to a proper level of excellence.

We are also seeking volunteers who will give regular oversight to specific cemeteries. The Committee will also be announcing dates for volunteers to participate in cemetery cleanup. Scout groups, community organizations, and churches are encouraged to assist in this effort. Any individual or group interested in this project should contact the Cemetery Committee for details.

Plans for making appropriate signs for each cemetery are being developed.



Photo by Charlie Cabaniss (Fox Photography Services)

Regarding the use of the North Vassalboro Village Cemetery, copies of the Rules and Regulations are available at the Town Office and on the town website at www.vassalboro.net/town_clerk.html.

The committee is also researching for a unified system of record keeping for the existing cemeteries and future burials. We are currently reviewing existing computer programs to meet this need and will make a recommendation to the Town Manager.

RICHARD KELLY

Chairperson

Committee members: Richard Kelly, Chair
Jim Aston; Tom Richards; and Julie Lyon

SPECIAL VASSALBORO EVENTS



Selectmen Robert Brown, Lauchlin Titus and Philip Haines award Tom Richards (2nd from left) the 2011 Spirit of America award for volunteerism.

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING



MUNICIPAL EXPENDITURES

JULY 1, 2010 - JUNE 30, 2011

ADMINISTRATION

Appropriation:	\$309,987
Expenditures:	
Personnel service	\$233,640.20
Insurance	7,894.82
Utilities	9,358.65
Building Maintenance	6,851.65
Printing/Advertising	2,536.91
Audit/Legal/Dues	25,241.11
Office Supplies/Equipment	5,857.03
Technology/Postage/Other	22,920.05
Registry of Deeds	4,701.00
Donations for Dam repair and Misc. rev.	+ 3,100.00
Transfer of funds from County budget	+ <u>10,000.00</u>
Balance	4,085.58

ENERGY GRANT

Appropriation:	None
Expenditures:	
Implementation of grant	<u>\$17,932.96</u>
Balance (awaiting grant reimbursement)	- 17,932.96

PUBLIC WORKS

Appropriation:	\$354,824
Expenditures:	
Personnel Services	\$184,058.02
Insurance	12,434.22
Sand/Salt/other contracts	37,810.02
Vehicle Expenses/Equip.	72,237.92
Garage Utilities/Supplies	25,298.56
Bridges/Culverts	<u>2,473.08</u>
Balance	20,512.18

SOLID WASTE

Appropriation:	\$285,395
Expenditures:	
Personnel Services	\$ 69,960.13
Insurance	2,781.54
Bldg Maint, Water Monit, Engineering	7,680.12
Utilities/Supplies	2,379.11
Disposal/Hauling/Recycling	<u>173,701.16</u>
Balance	28,892.94

ROAD PAVING/GRAVEL ROADS

Appropriation:	\$200,000
Expenditures:	
Paving	\$186,955.99
Striping	8,606.40
Gravel Roads/Maintenance	4,863.97
Transfer of funds from County budget	+ <u>1,000.00</u>
Balance	573.64

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT

Appropriation:	\$25,000
Expenditures:	
Plow Truck	\$ 20,000.00
Transfer Station reserve	<u>5,000.00</u>
Balance	\$.00

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation:	\$101,848
Expenditures:	
Utilities	\$14,150.00
Insurances	7,380.00
Repairs	10,400.00
Training/Equipment/Supplies	11,125.00
Radios	1,500.00
Bldg Maintenance	7,476.80
Firefighter stipend	6,400.00
Chief Stipend	3,000.00
Dispatching	45,893.00
Carry forward from 2009-10	+ <u>5,476.80</u>
Balance	.00

PUBLIC SAFETY

Appropriation:	\$ 33,932
Expenditures:	
Employee Costs	\$18,825.29
Insurances	1,836.79
Supplies/Vehicle Maintenance	3,876.05
Humane Society	<u>6,434.72</u>
Balance	2,959.15

MUNICIPAL EXPENDITURES

JULY 1, 2010 - JUNE 30, 2011

RECREATION/SUMMER YOUTH

Appropriation:	\$ 15,000
Expenditures	\$ <u>15,000.00</u>
Balance	.00

RECREATION/ROUTE #3 REST AREA

Appropriation:	\$ 1,000
Expenditures:	\$ <u>462.34</u>
Balance	537.66

LIBRARY

Appropriation:	\$ 30,990
Expenditures:	\$ <u>30,990.00</u>
Balance	.00

UTILITIES

Appropriation:	\$ 34,545
Expenditures:	
Street Lights	\$ 14,237.42
Hydrant Rental	<u>17,544.72</u>
Balance	2,762.86

CEMETERIES

Appropriation:	\$ 14,500
Expenditures:	
Care of Cemeteries	\$ 17,661.95
Carry forward from 2009-10	<u>+3,287.71</u>
Balance	125.76

GENERAL ASSISTANCE

Appropriation:	\$ 4,000
Expenditures:	
Shelter	\$ <u>475.66</u>
Balance	3,524.34

ASSESSMENT

Appropriation:	\$ 35,100
Expenditures:	
Contract Assessor Costs	\$ 25,200.00
Maps/Dues/Supplies	4,789.12
Winsketching	4,500.00
Carry Forward from 2009-10	<u>+ 2,100.00</u>
Balance	2,710.98

SOCIAL SERVICES

Appropriation:	\$ 9,600
Expenditures:	
Hospice	\$ 1,600.00
Food Pantry	1,500.00
Family Violence	2,250.00
KV Mental Health	3,500.00
Senior Spectrum	<u>750.00</u>
Balance	.00

MISCELLANEOUS REQUEST

Appropriation:	\$ 9,500
Expenditures:	
Historical Society	\$ 3,000.00
Snowmobile Club	1,500.00
C.R.L.A.	<u>5,000.00</u>
Balance	.00

COUNTY TAX

Appropriation:	\$434,653
Expenditures:	\$423,298.20
Transfer of funds to	
Administration and Paving Accts.	<u>11,000.00</u>
Balance	354.80

DEBT SERVICE

Appropriation:	\$6,000
Expenditures:	
CIP Bond	\$ <u>5,953.16</u>
Balance	46.84

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Certified Public Accountants and Management Advisors

Independent Auditors' Report

Board of Selectmen
Town of Vassalboro
Vassalboro, Maine

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Town of Vassalboro, Maine, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2011, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of Town of Vassalboro, Maine's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information and the respective budgetary comparison for the General Fund of the Town of Vassalboro, Maine, as of June 30, 2011, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis on pages 2 through 5 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Macdonald Page & Co LLC

South Portland, Maine
December 12, 2011

BALANCE SHEET GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2011

	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,472,673	\$ 19,825	\$ 1,492,498
Investments	262,325	144,108	406,433
Receivables:			
Taxes	251,354		251,354
Liens	88,750		88,750
Accounts and loans	7,980	16,466	24,446
Other governments	2,788	44,999	47,787
Prepaid expenses	22,941		22,941
Inventory - food service		6,847	6,847
Interfund loan receivable		300,262	300,262
Total Assets	<u>\$ 2,108,811</u>	<u>\$ 532,507</u>	<u>\$ 2,641,318</u>
LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable	\$ 11,379		\$ 11,379
Accrued wages	284,668		284,668
Accrued vacation	24,277		24,277
Accrued compensated absences	7,463		7,463
Deferred property taxes	180,000		180,000
Interfund loan payable	300,262		300,262
Total Liabilities	<u>808,049</u>		<u>808,049</u>
FUND BALANCES			
Non-spendable	22,491	\$ 88,806	111,297
Restricted - school	30,127	354,117	384,244
Restricted - town	5,263	89,584	94,847
Committed	25,000		25,000
Assigned	57,482		57,482
Unassigned	1,160,399		1,160,399
Total Fund Balances	<u>1,300,762</u>	<u>532,507</u>	<u>1,833,269</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	<u>\$ 2,108,811</u>	<u>\$ 532,507</u>	<u>\$ 2,641,318</u>

The complete audit is available for inspection at the Town Office upon request.

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2011

	General	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues			
Taxes	\$ 3,941,852		\$ 3,941,852
Intergovernmental	4,422,512	\$ 737,391	5,159,903
Licenses and permits	40,457		40,457
Charges for services	218,471	79,015	297,486
Interest	9,753	9,330	19,083
Miscellaneous	61,334	3,500	64,834
Maine State Retirement - on-behalf payments	387,000		387,000
Total Revenues	<u>9,081,379</u>	<u>829,236</u>	<u>9,910,615</u>
Expenditures			
General government	349,719		349,719
Public safety	162,969		162,969
Public works	534,666		534,666
Health and sanitation	259,326		259,326
Education	6,612,618	673,239	7,285,857
Social services	10,076		10,076
Special assessments	434,298		434,298
Leisure services	48,163		48,163
Unclassified	27,314	5,758	33,072
Food services		196,129	196,129
Debt service	5,953	44,095	50,048
Energy efficiency grant	17,933		17,933
Maine State Retirement - on-behalf payments	387,000		387,000
Total Expenditures	<u>8,850,035</u>	<u>919,221</u>	<u>9,769,256</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	<u>231,344</u>	<u>(89,985)</u>	<u>141,359</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses)			
Transfer to permanent fund	(8,859)		(8,859)
Transfer from general fund		8,859	8,859
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>(8,859)</u>	<u>8,859</u>	<u></u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Financing Sources (Uses) Over Expenditures	222,485	(81,126)	141,359
Fund Balance, Beginning of Year, as Restated	<u>1,078,277</u>	<u>613,633</u>	<u>1,691,910</u>
Fund Balance, End of Year	<u>\$ 1,300,762</u>	<u>\$ 532,507</u>	<u>\$ 1,833,269</u>

BUDGET COMPARISON SCHEDULE GENERAL FUND

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2011

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenues				
Taxes	\$ 3,927,154	\$ 3,927,154	\$ 3,941,852	\$ 14,698
Intergovernmental	4,633,774	4,633,774	4,422,512	(211,262)
Licenses and permits	31,500	31,500	40,457	8,957
Charges for services	70,500	70,500	218,471	147,971
Interest	16,000	16,000	9,753	(6,247)
Miscellaneous	7,500	12,500	61,334	48,834
Total Revenues	<u>8,686,428</u>	<u>8,691,428</u>	<u>8,694,379</u>	<u>2,951</u>
Expenditures				
Current:				
General government	349,687	349,687	349,719	(32)
Public safety	175,802	175,802	162,969	12,833
Public works	554,824	554,824	534,666	20,158
Health and sanitation	285,395	285,395	259,326	26,069
Education	7,000,190	7,000,190	6,642,675	357,515
Social services	13,600	13,600	10,076	3,524
Special assessments	521,517	521,517	434,298	87,219
Leisure services	46,990	51,990	48,163	3,827
Unclassified	27,288	27,288	27,314	(26)
Debt service	6,000	6,000	5,953	47
Capital reserves	25,000	25,000		25,000
Energy efficiency grant			17,933	(17,933)
Total Expenditures	<u>9,006,293</u>	<u>9,011,293</u>	<u>8,493,092</u>	<u>518,201</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	<u>(319,865)</u>	<u>(319,865)</u>	<u>201,287</u>	<u>521,152</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses)				
Transfer to permanent fund			(8,859)	(8,859)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)			<u>(8,859)</u>	<u>(8,859)</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Financing Sources (Uses) over Expenditures	<u>\$ (319,865)</u>	<u>\$ (319,865)</u>	<u>192,428</u>	<u>\$ 512,293</u>
Beginning Fund Balance as of June 30, 2010, as restated			<u>1,400,464</u>	
Fund Balance - End of Year, Budgetary Basis, as of June 30, 2011			<u>1,592,892</u>	
Reconciliation to the Fund Financial Statements:				
Less accrued summer salaries - school			284,667	
Less accrued compensated absences - school			<u>7,463</u>	
Fund Balance - End of Year, Fund Financial Statements, as of June 30, 2011			<u>\$ 1,300,762</u>	

The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this schedule.

WARRANT

STATE OF MAINE, KENNEBEC COUNTY

To: Richard Phippen, a resident of the Town of Vassalboro

GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the voters of the Town of Vassalboro in said Kennebec County, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Vassalboro Community School on Monday, June 11th, 2012, at 6:30 in the evening to elect a moderator to preside at said meeting, then and there to act on Articles 1 through 61, all of said articles being set out below to wit: and further to warn said voters to meet at the Town Office building in said Town on Tuesday, the 12th day of June 2012, then and there to act on Articles numbered 62 to 63. The polls will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Article 1: To choose a **Moderator** to preside at said Meeting, and to pay a sum not to exceed \$200.00 for his/her services.

Article 2: To elect from the floor, under the rules of this meeting, five (5) members of the **Budget Committee** to serve two year terms.

Terms Expire in 2012:

Joe Suga	William Branch
Richard Phippen	Douglas Phillips
Elizabeth Reuthe (resigned)	

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to fix the **due dates of taxes** as follows, and to set the rate of interest at the prevailing allowable State rate: 7.00%. Interest will begin to accrue 7 days after the due date.

One-fourth of taxes due on 09-24-12

One-fourth of taxes due on 11-26-12

One-fourth of taxes due on 02-25-13

One-fourth of taxes due on 04-22-13

Selectmen Recommend: Approval

REVENUES

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to use the following **anticipated revenue** amounts and from the sources named to reduce the 2012-2013 tax commitment:

Excise Tax	\$ 585,000
Agent Fees	13,500
Snowmobile agent fees	2,750
Boat Excise Tax	5,500
Interest/Penalties	30,000
State Revenue Sharing	181,000
State Road Assistance	65,000
Tree Growth Reimbursement	7,500

State Park Sharing	1,000
Veterans Exemption	1,500
Investment Income	5,000
Miscellaneous	5,000
Permit Fees	10,000
Solid Waste/Recycling	80,000
Franchise Fee/Cable Fees	14,000
Clerk Fees	6,000
Surplus	<u>150,000</u>
TOTAL REVENUES:	\$1,162,750

Selectmen Recommend: \$1,162,750

Budget Committee recommends: \$1,162,750

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$373,836 for **Administration**.

Selectmen Recommend: \$373,836

Budget Committee recommends: \$373,836

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$31,000 for **Assessment Costs**.

Selectmen Recommend: \$31,000

Budget Committee Recommends: \$31,000

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$80,000 for **Capital Improvements**.

Selectmen Recommend: \$80,000

Budget Committee Recommends: \$80,000

PUBLIC WORKS

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$395,505 for the **Public Works Department**.

Selectmen Recommend: \$395,505

Budget Committee Recommends: \$395,505

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$237,520 for **paving work** to allow the Town to pave the following roads: Stone Road, Riva Ridge, Dollis and Danielle Avenues; and for **road striping and paved road maintenance** and if any of said sums remain the Selectmen at their discretion could do additional paving.

Selectmen Recommend: \$237,520

Budget Committee Recommends: \$237,520

WARRANT

STATE OF MAINE, KENNEBEC COUNTY

To: Richard Phippen, a resident of the Town of Vassalboro

SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$338,970 for the cost of operating the Town's **Solid Waste Disposal and Recycling Facility**.

Selectmen Recommend: \$338,970

Budget Committee Recommends: \$338,970

PUBLIC SAFETY

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$36,800 for the **Police Department and Animal Control**.

Selectmen Recommend: \$36,800

Budget Committee Recommends: \$36,800

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$115,672 for the **Fire Department**.

Selectmen Recommend: \$115,672

Budget Committee Recommends: \$115,672

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum not to exceed \$20,000 from SURPLUS to be used as local match dollars for new Fire Department equipment. These funds will be expended only in the event of a **Fire Department grant award**.

Selectmen Recommend: \$20,000

Budget Committee Recommends: \$20,000

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$17,545 for **fire hydrant rental**.

Selectmen Recommend: \$17,545

Budget Committee Recommends: \$17,545

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$16,500 for **Street Lights**.

Selectmen Recommend: \$16,500

Budget Committee Recommends: \$16,500

SPECIAL ARTICLES AND TOWN POLICY

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell and **dispose of any real estate** acquired by the Town for non-payment of taxes thereon, and to execute quit-claim deeds for such property, and to further direct that the sale of such tax-

acquired property shall be by public notice which shall be advertised in the local daily newspapers prior to sale, and that this procedure shall apply except in cases where the tax-acquired property is sold back to the former owners or their successors or descendants within the period of sixty (60) days after legal acquisition by the Town, or to take any action thereon. Funds received through the sale of tax-acquired property may be used at the Selectmen's discretion to reduce previously authorized debt service.

Selectmen Recommend: Approval

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to submit **applications for State and/or Federal funding** and if said program is approved, authorize the municipal officers to accept said grant funds, to make such assurances, assume such responsibilities, and exercise such authority as are necessary and reasonable to implement such program, and to disburse such funds for the purpose granted.

Selectmen Recommend: Approval

Article 18: Shall the Town of Vassalboro vote to approve a **Community Development Block Grant** application for the following program and dollar amounts:

Program: 2012 Economic Development program

Amount: \$150,000

And to submit same to the Department of Economic and Community Development and if said program is approved, to authorize the municipal officers to accept said grant funds, to make such assurances, assume such responsibilities, and exercise such authority as are necessary and reasonable to implement such programs. Furthermore, the Town of Vassalboro is cognizant of the requirement that should the intended National Objective of the CDBG program not be met all CDBG funds must be repaid to the State of Maine CDBG program.

Selectmen Recommend: Approval

Budget Committee Recommends: Approval

Article 19: To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen, for the fiscal year 2012-2013, to **transfer funds** between appropriation accounts so long as the grand total of all appropriations is not exceeded. Any such transfers to be approved only at a properly called public meeting of the Selectmen and Budget Committee.

Selectmen Recommend: Approval

WARRANT

STATE OF MAINE, KENNEBEC COUNTY

To: Richard Phippen, a resident of the Town of Vassalboro

Article 20: To see if the town will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers under Maine statutes, Chapter 12 Section 6131 and amendments thereto, to promulgate such regulations compatible with the General Laws of the State to govern the time and manner in which **river herring (alewives)** shall be taken therein for the calendar year 2013.

Selectmen Recommend: Approval

Article 21: To see if the town will authorize the Municipal Officers to sell surplus **river herring (alewives)** for one or more years, or take any action relative to the same.

Selectmen Recommend: Approval

Article 22: Shall an ordinance entitled “**June 2012 Amendments to the Site Review Ordinance for the Town of Vassalboro**” be enacted? (A copy of the proposed amendments is posted with this warrant. Copies are also available at the Town Clerk’s office.)

Selectmen Recommend: Approval

Article 23: Shall an ordinance entitled “**June 2012 Amendments to the Building Permit Ordinance of the Town of Vassalboro**” be enacted? (A copy of the proposed amendments is posted with this warrant. Copies are also available at the Town Clerk’s office.)

Selectmen Recommend: Approval

Article 24: Shall an ordinance entitled “**June 2012 Amendments to the Town of Vassalboro Subdivision Ordinance**” be enacted? (A copy of the proposed amendments is posted with this warrant. Copies are also available at the Town Clerk’s office.)

Selectmen Recommend: Approval

Article 25: Shall an ordinance entitled “**Exempting Eligible Active Duty Military Personnel From Vehicle Excise Tax**” be enacted? (A copy of the proposed ordinance is posted with this warrant. Copies are also available at the Town Clerk’s office.)

Selectmen Recommend: Approval

Article 26: Shall a Resolution entitled “**RESOLVE supporting an amendment to the United States Constitution to provide that Corporations are not entitled to the Rights of Natural Persons with Regard to the Expenditure of Money to Influence Elections**” be enacted? (A copy of the Resolution is posted with this

warrant. Copies are also available at the Town Clerk’s office.)

Article 27: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to **dispose of town owned property** with a value of \$10,000 or less.

Article 28: To see if the Town will vote to **waive the 2009 tax lien foreclosure** on the Carl McCaslin property located at Tax Map 23, Lot 28. Such tax lien is recorded in the Kennebec County Registry of Deeds at Book 10508 and Page 0311.

Article 29: To see if the Town will vote to authorize an amount not to exceed \$15,000 from SURPLUS to serve as a **contingency fund** to be spent by the Selectmen in the event of an emergency and to avoid overdrafts.

Selectmen Recommend: Approval

Budget Committee Recommends: Approval

LIBRARY

Article 30: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$31,729 for the Town’s share of the **Library’s** budget.

Selectmen Recommend: \$31,729

Budget Committee Recommends: \$31,729

HEALTH AND WELFARE

Article 31: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,500 for **General Assistance** and to authorize the Selectmen to expend any and all reimbursement funds received from the State.

Selectmen Recommend: \$3,500

Budget Committee Recommends: \$3,500

Article 32: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500 for the **Vassalboro Food Station.**

Selectmen Recommend: \$1,500

Budget Committee Recommends: \$1,500

Article 33: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,600 for the **Hospice Volunteers of the Waterville Area.** (This article presented by petition.)

Selectmen Recommend: \$1,600

Budget Committee Recommends: \$1,600

WARRANT

STATE OF MAINE, KENNEBEC COUNTY

To: Richard Phippen, a resident of the Town of Vassalboro

Article 34: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,925 for the **Family Violence Project**. (This article presented by petition.)

Selectmen Recommend: \$2,250
Budget Committee Recommends: \$2,250

Article 35: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 for the **Kennebec Valley Behavioral Health Center**. (This article presented by petition.)

Selectmen Recommend: \$3,500
Budget Committee Recommends: \$3,500

Article 36 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,642 for **Spectrum Generations**. (This article presented by petition.)

Selectmen Recommend: \$1,000
Budget Committee Recommends: \$1,000

Article 37: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500 for the **Healthy Hearts Program**. (This article presented by petition.)

Selectmen Recommend: \$500.00
Budget Committee Recommends: \$500.00

Article 38: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,898.75 for the **Sexual Assault Crisis & Support**. (This article presented by petition.)

Selectmen Recommend: \$750.00
Budget Committee Recommends: \$750.00

RECREATION

Article 39: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$19,505 for the **Recreation Department**.

Selectmen Recommend: \$19,505
Budget Committee Recommends: \$19,505

Article 40: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500 for the **Kennebec Trail Riders Snowmobile Club** for the maintenance of snowmobile trails with the understanding that such trails will be open for the use of snowmobiles during snowmobile season.

Selectmen Recommend: \$1,500
Budget Committee Recommends: \$1,500

MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS AND REQUESTS

Article 41: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000 for the support of the **Vassalboro Historical Society** to assist this organization with the maintenance of the former East Vassalboro school building.

Selectmen Recommend: \$3,000
Budget Committee Recommends: \$3,000

Article 42: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$16,500 for the Town's share in the **Maintenance of Cemeteries and Public Grounds and for Memorial Day expenses**.

Selectmen Recommend: \$16,500
Budget Committee Recommends: \$16,500

Article 43: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 for the maintenance of the **Three Mile Pond Recreational Area**.

Selectmen Recommend: \$1,000
Budget Committee Recommends: \$1,000

Article 44: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$296,100 for the estimated assessment from **Kennebec County Government**.

Selectmen Recommend: \$296,100
Budget Committee Recommends: \$296,100

Article 45: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,500 for the support of the **China Region Lakes Alliance**.

Selectmen Recommend: \$10,000
Budget Committee Recommends: \$10,000

Article 46: To see if the Town will vote to increase the **property tax levy limit** of \$579,500.00 established for the Town of Vassalboro by State Law in the event that the municipal budget approved under the preceding articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than that property tax levy limit. (Written ballot)

WARRANT

STATE OF MAINE, KENNEBEC COUNTY

To: Richard Phippen, a resident of the Town of Vassalboro

SCHOOL BUDGET ARTICLES TO APPROPRIATE MONIES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ARTICLES PURSUANT TO 20-A M.R.S.A. SECTION 1485

Article 47: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to expend the sum of \$3,816,398.69 for **Regular Instruction**.

School Committee Recommends: \$3,816,398.69
Budget Committee Recommends: \$3,816,398.69

Article 48: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to expend the sum of \$967,323.28 for **Special Education**.

School Committee Recommends: \$967,323.28
Budget Committee Recommends: \$967,323.28

Article 49: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to expend the sum of \$144,721.44 for **Career and Technical Education**.

School Committee Recommends: \$144,721.44
Budget Committee Recommends: \$144,721.44

Article 50: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to expend the sum of \$47,631.02 for **Other Instruction**.

School Committee Recommends: \$47,631.02
Budget Committee Recommends: \$47,631.02

Article 51: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to expend the sum of \$293,415.69 for **Student and Staff Support**.

School Committee Recommends: \$293,415.69
Budget Committee Recommends: \$293,415.69

Article 52: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to expend the sum of \$157,249.65 for **System Administration**.

School Committee Recommends: \$157,249.65
Budget Committee Recommends: \$157,249.65

Article 53: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to expend the sum of \$225,238.58 for **School Administration**.

School Committee Recommends: \$225,238.58
Budget Committee Recommends: \$225,238.58

Article 54: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to expend the sum of \$397,937.32 for **Transportation and Buses**.

School Committee Recommends: \$397,937.32
Budget Committee Recommends: \$397,937.32

Article 55: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to expend the sum of \$540,995.11 for **Facilities Maintenance**.

School Committee Recommends: \$540,995.11
Budget Committee Recommends: \$540,995.11

Article 56: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to expend the sum of \$1,748.60 for **Debt Service and Other Commitments**.

School Committee Recommends: \$1,748.60
Budget Committee Recommends: \$1,748.60

Article 57: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to expend the sum of \$.00 for **All Other Expenditures**.

School Committee Recommends: \$.00
Budget Committee Recommends: \$.00

ARTICLES PURSUANT TO 20-A, M.R.S.A. Section 15690

Article 58: To see what sum the municipality will appropriate for the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act (Recommend \$6,096,061.58) and to see what sum the municipality will raise as the municipality's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15688.

Statutory Recommendation: \$2,455,417.00
School Committee Recommendation: \$2,793,923.12
Budget Committee Recommendation: \$2,793,923.12

"Explanation: The school administrative unit's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act is the amount of money determined by state law to be the minimum amount that a municipality must raise in order to receive the full amount of state dollars."

WARRANT

STATE OF MAINE, KENNEBEC COUNTY

To: Richard Phippen, a resident of the Town of Vassalboro

Note: Per PL2009, Chapter 571, the amount recommended by the school committee as the required local share for the FY 2012-2013 budget may be no less than 82.22% of the Title 20-A, Section 15688 amount, in order to receive the full amount of state subsidy.

Article 59: To see what sum the municipality/district/unit will raise and to appropriate the sum of (Recommend \$.00) in additional local funds for school purposes under Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, §15690.

School Committee Recommends: \$ -0-
Budget Committee Recommends: \$ -0-

The school budget does not exceed the state EPS funding model.

Explanation: The additional local funds are those locally raised funds over and above the school administrative unit's local contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and local amounts raised for the annual payment on non-state funded debt service that will help achieve the municipality/district budget for educational programs.

Article 60: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the school committee to expend the sum of \$6,592,659.38 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2013 from the school administrative unit's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten

to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act, non-state-funded school construction projects, additional local funds for school purposes under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15690, unexpended balances, tuition receipts, state subsidy and other receipts for the support of schools.

School Committee Recommends: \$6,592,659.38
Budget Committee Recommends: \$6,592,659.38

Article 61: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to expend such other sums as may be received from federal or state grants or programs or other sources during the fiscal year for school purposes provided that such grants, programs or other sources do not require the expenditure of other funds not previously appropriated.

The following articles will be decided by secret ballot election. The polls will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., June 12th, 2012 at the Town Office.

Article 62: Do you favor approving the Vassalboro Community School's budget for the upcoming school year that was adopted at the June 11, 2012 Annual Town Meeting?

Article 63: To elect all necessary municipal officers/officials by secret ballot. The polls will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on June 12th, 2012 at the Vassalboro Town Office.

Given unto our hands this _____ day of May 2012, AD

Philip W. Haines
Selectman, Town of Vassalboro

Lauchlin Titus
Selectman, Town of Vassalboro

Robert C. Browne, Jr.
Selectman, Town of Vassalboro

A true copy. Attest:

_____ of Vassalboro
Town Clerk

DATES TO REMEMBER

- June 11, 2012 Town Meeting Monday, June 11th at 6:30 at the Vassalboro Community School. The municipal election will be held on June 12th from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- June 30, 2012 Close of Fiscal Year All Unpaid taxes will be listed in the Town Report
- July 1, 2012 Fiscal Year Begins
- Mid July Tax Lien process begins on unpaid taxes
- Late August Tax Bill Mailed
- September 24, 2012 1st Quarter Taxes Due
- November General Election
- November 26, 2012 2nd Quarter Taxes Due
- December 30, 2012 Certain municipal licenses expire
- January 31, 2012 Late Fee charged for dogs licensed after this date
- February 25, 2013 3rd Quarter Taxes Due
- April 1, 2013 Property Assessed for value as of this date
- April 22, 2013 4th Quarter Taxes Due



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Town Office	872-2826
Public Works	923-3985
Transfer Station	923-3051
School	923-3100
Library	923-3233
Animal Control	458-4853
Police Chief - Non Emergency	622-7730

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